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## The Outlook.

A carload of cotton reached this city last week, each bale of which was cylindrical in shape, 65 inches high, 24 inches in diameter, and weighed 500 pounds. One hundred and twelve of these bales were conveyed in one car. This new and compact method of compression is known as the "Bessonne." Unlike the usual cotton gin, which is a stationary affair, the machine which does this remarkable work is an itinerant. It is not large, and can be taken where it is wanted. It claims to revolutionize the preparation of cotton for transportation.

The importance of extending civil service protection over every branch of public office receives fresh emphasis, according to Commissioner Roosevelt, at every fall election. Those unprotected are subjected to a system of blackmail which is disgraceful and outrageous. He cites a case in Pittsburgh of a congressional candidate who tried to levy a political assessment of a month's salary on the employees of the Internal Revenue office, under threat of losing place unless they complied—a rascally attempt to plunder public servants in order to get funds wherewith to debauch voters! The Civil Service law should be made universal.

The Postmaster General has forbidden the use of the mails to those disguised lotteries known as "bond investment companies." They have been in operation for some time in the West and South; last year there were nearly 300 in Washington city alone. The members pay \$5 each for initiation, and from \$1 to \$2.50 monthly. Each member has a number. When the treasury of a company contains a certain amount of money, the members holding the fortunate numbers benefit by it; the rest receive nothing. The company enriches itself by the initiation fees and a percentage of the monthly dues. The Post-office Department will institute criminal proceedings against the officers or members of such companies who use the mails for their illegal schemes.

Cincinnati has adopted the Simonin process of utilizing the city garbage. The latter, after collection and drainage, is saturated with heated naphtha in tanks, which extracts the grease, and yet permits the naphtha to be distilled and re-used. The dry garbage is ground into fertilizers. In 100 tons of garbage there are 28 tons of fertilizer (worth \$8 a ton) and 6 tons of grease (worth \$75 a ton), the whole amounting to \$672. The city pays the company \$18,000 a year for taking care of the garbage; but it costs the company \$16,000 per year to get the garbage to the plant. They can handle 200 tons a day, but the average collection is only 52 tons a day. Their profit, of course, comes from utilization. New York has dumped her garbage hitherto in the sea; her authorities are now considering this new method of disposing of it.

A new transcontinental line is proposed—the Midland Pacific. Its route will lie midway between the Union and Northern Pacific roads, and it will be shorter than either by two hundred miles. The new termini will be at Sioux Falls, S. D., and Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., 1,600 miles apart. Five Eastern railroads already converge at Sioux City. The first section of the proposed road will start from this point, and extend to the coal fields of Wyoming, four hundred miles away. By the end of 1895, South Dakota, which is destitute of wood and coal, will, it is expected, receive her fuel from these valuable fields. Another year will carry the road to the Yellowstone Park.

The Idaho and Central Washington divisions will be built later. None of the land along this proposed route is arid.

## The Japanese Cross the Yalu.

The advance movement was made on the 24th. A detachment of 1,600 foot soldiers was thrown across the river, a short distance above Wiju, which quickly dispersed a small Chinese force and captured two guns. The Japanese army crossed the next morning, its first invasion of Chinese soil. Col. Sato, with a flying column, made a reconnaissance of the enemy, who occupied a fortified position near the village of Fushang; battle was joined, but though the Chinese made a stubborn resistance, they were driven from their stronghold with the loss of 200 killed and many wounded, and the works were destroyed. Col. Sato returned to the main army after this exploit with his detachment reduced by only 90 men and five officers. Marshal Yamagata had planned to concentrate several columns upon Kulienchao, where the Chinese had made a stand, and capture the whole force, as he did at Ping Yang. But on approaching the stronghold, on the morning of the 26th, he found it evacuated. Thirty guns and a quantity of ammunition and stores fell into his hands. There is no known obstacle now to his march on Mukden, the principal city of Manchuria and the treasure-house of the Ming dynasty. If, however, the report be true that Count Oyama's force of 30,000 Japanese has landed on the coast northeast of Port Arthur, the two armies may unite and make Pekin their objective point. At last accounts the hostile fleets were said to be near Chefoo, and a decisive naval engagement was thought to be imminent.

## The Fall Elections.

They are close at hand. Tuesday, November 6, will be the determining day for the people's will in thirty different States. Governors and other officers will be chosen—in some cases to hold office for four years—and legislatures will be elected. These latter will, in several States, be called upon to select federal senators. All the States in the Union except three will, on that day, elect representatives to Congress, and four of the Territories will each choose a delegate to the same body. Amendments to State charters will also be submitted to the people's vote on that day. Here in New England, Massachusetts will elect State officers for one year, and the Legislature which will choose a United States senator to succeed Mr. Hoar. Connecticut will elect its State officers for two years and a legislative body. New Hampshire will also choose a governor for two years; and its new Legislature will select a senator to succeed Mr. Chandler. In Maine and Vermont elections have already been held. The present week, therefore, will be one of intense political excitement. It should also be one of conscientious thoughtfulness, of realization of the responsibilities and duties of citizenship, and of devout desires for direction in the exercise of this solemn right of franchise.

## Rosebery's Policy Toward the Peers.

The Prime Minister made an address at Bradford last week in which he outlined the government's proposed method of dealing with the House of Lords. The government has not the power to abolish this obstructive chamber, but it will take issue with it in the following manner: It will introduce into the Commons at the next session some wholesome measures of reform, like disestablishment in Wales, and a land bill for Ireland. The latter body will unquestionably pass them. These measures will, as unquestionably, be either mutilated or disapproved when presented to the Peers. Then the government will submit to Parliament a resolution affirming the principle of the supremacy of the Commons in legislative matters. The Commons will not hesitate to adopt this resolution, and the government, thus supported, will appeal to the country. If the government is sustained in

this appeal, and a sufficient Liberal majority is returned, steps will be taken, either by the introduction of the elective principle into this hereditary house, or by imposing such limitations on its powers as shall hinder its nullifying the acts of the Commons, to prevent in the future its haughty defiance of the popular will. This scheme is a definite and promising one. If carried out, the Lords as a legislative body will, ere long, be either "mended or ended."

## Caprivi Steps Out.

Nobody knows precisely why, at this time of writing. His resignation, or dismissal, whichever it was, was totally unexpected. There was no known difficulty except the chronic ones—a royal master, eccentric and dictatorial to the last degree; a Prussian premier—Count Bothe an Bulenburg—who lost no opportunity of opposing his measures and resigned office on the same day; the jealousies and clashing claims of the federated States; and the growth of Socialism. Either or all of these would account for the Chancellor's retirement. That he succeeded so well as Bismarck's successor has been the surprise of all Europe during the four and a half years in which he has held office. He has had to fight intrigue as well as open opposition. His commercial treaties drew upon him the wrath of the Junkers, or feudal party composed of the great land-owners. He has had endless difficulty with the individual States, which took advantage of the fall of the "iron chancellor" to try to "recover a portion at least of their lost autonomy." He does not believe in drastic measures in dealing with the Socialists, and it is evident that in this respect he was taking a stand against a reactionary policy which the Emperor himself begins to favor. The particular occasion which caused his downfall is kept secret; but though his successor, Prince Hohenlohe, has accepted the double appointment which Caprivi declined, and unites again the chancellorship and the duties of the Prussian premier, nothing stable is expected of this new deal. The Prince is old—he was born in 1819—and his high and responsible office requires manhood vigor and a will and brain untouched by age. A conflict is impending in Europe which is to shake its governments to the very foundation—the uprising of the social democracy—and men like Caprivi, cool, clear-headed, experienced, are not so numerous that their rulers can afford to let them go without strong cause.

## Criminals and Their Treatment.

Secretary Round, of the New York Prison Association, in a recent talk gave certain facts and made certain points which thoughtful men should ponder. The criminal army in this country numbers, so he asserts, 300,000, or, including those dependent on them, 750,000 persons. To maintain these criminals, it costs the country for police courts, prisons, etc., more than for Great Britain to support her army. New York pays yearly \$5,000 to protect society from each of its criminals. Penologists have ceased to put faith in punishment, no matter how severe, as a deterrent from crime. In dealing with criminals as inmates of prisons, it has been found that idleness paves the way to insanity. The objection to teaching prisoners trades, on the ground that their labor will compete with outside labor, Mr. Round regards as nonsensical, as in no branch of industry does it amount to a fraction of 1 per cent. of the labor engaged in that industry. Reformatory institutions like that at Elmira, N. Y., show marked improvement over ordinary prisons in redeeming manhood, the difference being 80 per cent. against 18. The criminal sent to a Reformatory is "sentenced to be cured." Mentally, morally, physically, he is educated out of his criminal instincts. He is not allowed to go out till a place is found for him to work in. He goes out on parole. If he supports himself and lives a decent, respectable life for a year or more, he is discharged. The

cost to the State of such a Reformatory as that at Elmira is nearly \$300,000 for its 1,300 inmates. A prison yields the State a profit of say \$50,000 a year. But by its superiority in uplifting manhood the former is, in the end, cheaper than the latter.

## Concerning the Czar.

All sorts of contradictory reports have been published the past week—to be explained by the fact that the censorship over the telegraphic lines running from the Crimea is so rigid that the tidings which the public demand day by day have to be manufactured. The latest official bulletins affirm an improvement so marked that the hope is entertained that the sick monarch will be able to endure removal from Livadia to the quarters which the King of Greece is fitting up for him in the lovely island of Corfu. The marriage of the Czarowitz is still postponed. He is said to be desirous of abdicating his rights to the throne, not caring to assume the responsibilities and perils of the Imperial office. It is denied that the Heesian princess to whom he is betrothed has been forced to give her consent to the marriage, or has been subjected to offensive requirements in the matter of her religious faith. It is "a love match"—so high authorities assert—and it is hoped that the Czar will recover sufficient strength to make it possible for the ceremony to be performed in church.

## The Socialists at Frankfurt.

The yearly congress of this growing and influential association which opposes militarism and landlordism and every other "ism" in Germany that is not strictly democratic, but which aims to accomplish its revolutionary purposes by peaceful and constitutional methods, was held in Frankfurt last week. No action was taken that was particularly new or startling. Resolutions were adopted in favor of the national insurance, factory inspection, the arbitration of disputes, woman's rights, an eight-hour work-day, and a minimum wage. A motion was agreed to which empowers Socialists to support the provincial governments on condition that such support would not imply acquiescence in the existing social system or confidence in the government. A resolution in favor of granting State aid to the unemployed was rejected. Threatened repressive measures against the organization were freely discussed. Efforts are to be made to adapt the economic theories of Socialism to the needs of the peasants, who are chiefly agrarians, and the small landed proprietors. The Social Democrats of Germany, since their return, have proved a menace to the existing régime all the more serious because of their compact party organization, their iron discipline, and, above all, their respectful treatment of institutions which they are pledged to vote down and obliterate.

## The McClellan Monument.

The "hero of Antietam" has been modeled in bronze as he appeared on horseback, commanding the Union forces on that hard-fought field. It is Philadelphia who has thus honored the son of whom she is so justly proud. Immediately after his death, in October, 1865, the movement was started to erect a memorial of him. Private and public subscriptions furnished the needed sum. The designs were drawn by two architects of Washington, and the Ames Company cast the statue. It cost was \$18,000. The northwest corner of the City Hall plaza was selected for its location. It was unveiled on the 24th inst. in the presence of 10,000 persons, including General Schofield, members of Gen. McClellan's family, and many distinguished guests. The Pennsylvania National Guard fired a salute of seventeen guns. Gen. W. B. Franklin delivered an oration, in which he gave his old commander unstinted praise, and expressed the conviction that if he had been sustained in the winter of 1861-'62 by his superiors, if his force had not been depleted by the detachment of 50,000 men before he had chance to strike a blow—if, in short, he had not been interfered with—the campaign of 1862 would have been successful, and Richmond would have fallen. Gov. Pattison also made an address, and Dr. Henry McCook offered prayer. The music of thirty bands, the singing of a hymn by a choir of eighty voices, and the parade of 11,000 soldiers and marines, helped to make the occasion impressive.



## Our Contributors.

### WITH EX-PRESIDENT POPE IN CANADA AND THE STATES.

Rev. Thomas Rippon.

MY friend, the ex-President of the British Wesleyan Conference, having been appointed delegate to the General Conference of Canada, led me to be graciously constrained to accompany him as traveling companion. Our select party included, also, the ex-President's charming wife. Having had "good times" on the American side of the Atlantic, and as we are on the great deep again with our vessel's prow pointing homewards, a brief note of our experiences may not be unacceptable to readers of ZION'S HERALD.

The steamer that brought us out was the "Lucania," the "Queen of the Seas" as she has been termed because of her record trips. The same floating palace conveys us home.

We experienced our first impression of American life before we touched American soil, in what we saw and heard on board; most of the passengers being home-comers from "doing" the old country and the Continent. It was our privilege to while away the hours by profitable conversation with such pleasant voyagers as Monsignor Doane, of Newark, New Jersey, an accomplished and agreeable member of the papal court, large-hearted and of broad sympathies; Professor Bigelow, a cultured layman and fellow-Methodist of Boston, who had much to tell us and not less to ask; Rev. Dr. Harcourt, a ministerial comrade of Baltimore, who earnestly discussed the pro and con of Methodist prelaty, and who eloquently spoke of needed reform as to stationing and other matters; and last, but not least, Philip D. Armour, of Chicago, who feelingly denounced Editor Stead and all his works!

#### Our First "Eye-Opener"

In New York city was the Methodist Book Concern. That splendid pile with its hive of industries was a striking object-lesson, indicating the position and strength of American Methodism. Our reception by Bishop Andrews and Dr. Hunt was complete. The Bishop we had met a few weeks before at Birmingham, where his eloquent delegation speech delivered to our Conference made a profound impression. It appeared to us in going over the Concern how much behind we English Methodists were in publishing enterprises. Editors and book stewards of the old country would do well to spend a time under the roof of the big building on Fifth Avenue. Suggestions might be secured there, which if acted upon would beneficially affect our connectional funds and greatly enrich our denominational literature.

Our way to the meeting place of the Conference was via the Hudson River, Albany and Niagara Falls. The "Rhine of America" was a great disappointment, due to sickness which led us to see everything jaundiced, as also the hazy, sultry atmosphere which hid the beauties of the Catskills and other points of interest. The capitol at Albany was one of many illustrations, which struck us on our tour, of American enterprise, approaching almost lavish expenditure, in erecting buildings scarcely equalled and certainly not surpassed by Parliamentary and municipal bodies on the eastern side of the Atlantic. As to Niagara, the sights and sounds of its mighty waters will be a precious remembrance forever. As Brooklyn Bridge reminds us most of man, the rush and thunder of the Falls will always remind us most of God.

#### The Goal of Our Desire

was London, Ont., where the ex-President's business lay. Here again our eyes were opened and our hearts "strangely warmed" as we heard of the growing position and strength of the church we so much love. The jurisdiction of the General Canadian Conference extends from sea to sea—from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and on to "the land of the rising sun." It was good news to hear that one out of every three of the population of Ontario was a Methodist, and that since the union our church had advanced by leaps and bounds. This success is doubtless due to the zeal and devotionality of the people and the sanctified audacity of their leaders. Dr. Carman, the General Superintendent, and right worthy "grand old man," is a master in tactics and a born statesman. In conducting the business of the Conference he "was all there," and never caught napping. To the fact that Canadian Methodism has Carman at its

head is due in large measure its present rosy and hopeful position.

The other men we met and admired were Dr. Potts, educational secretary and Canada's most popular preacher; Dr. Briggs, the efficient book steward; Dr. Dewart, the veteran editor; and Dr. Sutherland, perhaps of all his brethren the ablest debater on the floor.

But no man captured our hearts as did the deaf man eloquent, and delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church—Dr. J. H. Potts. The editor of the *Michigan Advocate* is an interesting personality. The effect of his great speech delivered at an open session of the Conference was magnificent. To follow the British representative was a trying task. Mr. Pope had carried away his audience by an address which for effective oratory and imperial outlook was worthy the best traditions. Dr. Potts, however, rose grandly to the occasion, and laughter and shouts of "glory" and Chautauqua cheers pronounced the deliverance complete.

Your correspondent had his first experience in an American "sleeper" between London and Chicago. Strange to say, he slept; and yet not strange to say, he rose refreshed and excited to view the

#### City of Pork and Sky-Scrappers.

The city seemed full of "go" and contradictions. There was a wide-awakeness about the people. A prominent merchant informed us that New Yorkers were behind the times and "fogeys" by the side of Chicago men! The difference between advance and behindness in Chicago was strikingly seen in its palatial buildings and its dangerous, ill-paved streets. We spent a day of exciting interest under the wing of P. D. Armour, who before leaving the "Lucania" had pressed us to give him a call. A member of his staff and a carriage with a pair of prancing steeds were placed at our disposal to "do" his Mission and Institute, his packing-house and elevators. It is hard to say which we admired most—the brain that conceived and the energy that built up his business, or the heart that incepted and brought into Christlike expression these institutions for the people's social and spiritual betterment.

We spent at Toledo only time enough to hear of the city's municipal corruptions, and to rejoice that authority had sufficient conscience and pluck to imprison eight of its aldermen.

Few places charmed us more than Cleveland, the "Forest City," and forever famous as the resting-spot of Garfield's immortal dust. To a Methodist the Epworth League Memorial Church was an object of special interest. Nothing of the kind for combination of architectural elegance and comfortable appointments can English Methodism boast. The memory of a morning spent at the Cleveland weekly Preachers' Meeting will ever abide with us. The greeting of brethren beloved, their courtesy and kindness, can never be forgotten; nor shall we cease to remember the devotional tone which characterized their conversation and discussions.

The ex-President's visit to Boston was one of unmixt pleasure. The kindness of Rev. W. T. Perrin in introducing my friend to the "lions" of the city was greatly appreciated, while his call at the office of ZION'S HERALD—a paper to British Methodists made famous because of Dr. Davison's learned articles—was a bright experience. And nothing delighted the ex-President more than to learn of the good work done by the rich and cultured Methodists of Boston to better the spiritual condition of the city's residuum. He expressly desires me to say how fervently he wishes the workers may realize the joy of harvest, and that their mission, so worthy of praise, may continue to receive practical encouragement.

Our itinerary included, also, Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal, where we preached in magnificent churches to crowded and expectant congregations.

To sum up what we have heard and seen during our brief sojourn in America is but to confirm first impressions—that Methodism is a church unique in Christendom for growing strength, position and influence; and as to its greater possibilities, judging from a brief and brilliant past, we may safely predict for it a future transcending all recorded achievements.

R. M. F. "Lucania," Atlantic Ocean, Oct. 11.

The value of Christianity is that it takes hold of temptation at the root,—in the mind and heart. It says little of actions, but deals squarely with the thoughts and feelings and desires. When they are pure, the deed is upright.—ANNA ROBINSON BROWN, in "The Victory of Our Faith."

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Rev. Hugh Johnston, D. D.

PILGRIMAGES are no longer the exclusive heritage of Roman Catholics, Greeks, or the followers of the False Prophet. There are shrines other than Rome, Mecca, or Jerusalem to be beaten by pilgrim feet. The other day a great historical pilgrimage was inaugurated to follow the movements of Washington in the War of the Revolution, visiting Massachusetts with its rich historical associations, and other places connected with the origin of the Republic. On Oct. 12

#### A Methodist Pilgrimage

was made from Baltimore to the neighboring counties of Frederick and Carroll—the scenes of Strawbridge's labors, and the beginnings of American Methodism. Among the leaders of this unique movement were the presiding elders of the five districts of the Baltimore Conference, Dr. Goucher, president of the Woman's College, and Revs. W. W. Davis, Ed. L. Watson and C. D. Smith.

At 7.30 in the morning a party of about 250 left the Monumental City by the Western Maryland R. R., and proceeded to Westminster. Here they were joined by as many more pilgrims, and a transfer was made from the train to carriages. The vehicles were about one hundred in number, and were of every description—from the four- and six-horse carryall to the light wagon and the buggy.

The drive throughout the day, to the various places of hallowed interest, was through a beautiful, undulating country, diversified by hill and dale, woodland and stream, meadowland and cornland, while in the distance could be discerned the purple outline of the Blue Ridge Mountains. "Beautiful exceedingly!" exclaimed Coleridge at Killarney; so the pilgrims enjoyed the lovely landscape, although they experienced some of the ups and downs of life, the descent of the steep hills, especially in the carryalls, causing trepidation to not a few. The entire region is a highly-favored land. Bishop Asbury, in one of his visits to this neighborhood, wrote: "Rich land; poor people for religion;" reminding one of that other Maryland saying—"When oysters are plenty, piety is scarce."

After a drive of six or eight miles, the first halt was made at Pipe Creek, where Dr. Goucher pointed out some of the old houses, still standing, of the early converts to Methodism; among them the McCannons house, where the portrait of Bishop Asbury was found. The bachelor-Bishop would never sit for his picture. One day he came to Mr. McCannon, a tailor, in considerable distress over some of his young preachers who were without decent clothing. The kind-hearted tailor said: "Bishop, I will give them each a good suit of clothes if you will grant me a request, and I will not tell you what it is until you consent." The Bishop could not refuse. The request was for his portrait. It was obtained—the only original portrait of the first Bishop—and it is now in the Rooms of the Methodist Historical Society, Baltimore. The Poulson house was also pointed out, in front of which stands the old oak, the celebrated Strawbridge tree, under whose wide-spreading branches the settlers gathered to hear the eloquent Irish Methodist preacher and sweet singer.

Two or three miles farther brought us to Stone Chapel, erected on the site of the original church, the second or third in American Methodism. This church was rebuilt in 1800 and again in 1884; but the old stones under the peak of the front wall have several initials carved on them, and the date 1783. Here Dr. St. Clair Neale read a copy of the original deed; and Rev. Charles D. Smith, our "guide, philosopher and friend," who also had his beginning here—being a great-grandson of one of the early converts—gave some interesting reminiscences.

The pilgrims sang, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," and journeyed on to the old house of John Evans, the first convert. Here the first class-meeting met, and the room was used as a preaching-place for half a century. There is no building now standing in America wherein Methodist services were held so early as in this old Evans house. Rev. W. M. Ferguson, who gave us the traditions of the place, said that 68 preachers had been appointed to charges in this room, and ninety appointments had been made to this place. The pilgrims lingered by the grave of this first disciple, the headstone of which bears the inscription:—

In memory of  
JOHN EVANS  
Who departed this life  
Feb. 13, 1837,  
Aged 55.

Previous to Strawbridge's coming to this section, the people attended the German Reformed Church; but many of them were thoroughly awakened and converted, and gave evidence of the genuineness of the spiritual change. One of them, a great fiddler, returning from a meeting, called for his fiddle, broke it across his knee and threw it into the fire. These were slave days, and a slave-holding member was speaking in love-feast; but he had no liberty and was interrupted by a cough, when the leader said, "Brother, you had better cough up those niggers, and then you will be able to speak better."

Another drive of a few miles brought the pilgrims to Bethel Church, where a bountiful repast was served. In front of this church, the successor of the old log meeting-house, a short service was held, and Rev. Dr. Berry, of the Epworth Herald, delivered a stirring address.

A walk of two hundred yards, and the War-

field house was reached. This old country farm-house is fragrant with the memories of Asbury, McKendree, and the early worthies. From fifteen to twenty preachers have met at the same time under this hospitable roof, their saddles bags heaped high in the corner of the dining-room. Here Asbury wrote most of his journals. We were shown the room upstairs in which he slept, and the little closet in which he prayed, pouring out his petitions for hours together on behalf of the infant church. The last time I was in Hampton Court Palace, one of the guards took me into a room not open to the public, which had recently been found to be the studio of the great Cardinal. It had been occupied for a long time by a family of rank in reduced circumstances, and the little oratory of Wolsey had been used as a cupboard. But this little oratory of the apostle Bishop was still undisturbed, and the carpet on which he was accustomed to kneel was still there. I had the pleasure of being conducted through the old homestead by Mrs. Reid, the widow of a minister, and her daughter, of Alexander Warfield, the original owner. One of the bedrooms which she cherishes as a little book presented to her grandmother, entitled, "The Character of a Methodist." The author's name is not given; it is most likely one of Asbury's own productions, and on the fly-leaf is this inscription in the Bishop's own handwriting:—

To Jemima Warfield,  
From her friend,  
FRANCIS ASBURY.

June 11, 1868.

The place of culminating interest is next reached—the site of the old log meeting-house which, according to Mrs. Roberts and Cook, was built in 1762, and according to others in 1764. The John St. Church was dedicated Oct. 30, 1768. It is still a matter of dispute as to whether American Methodism originated first in New York or in Maryland, whether by Embury or Strawbridge. The evangelistic work began almost simultaneously, and standing on this hallowed spot unmarked by any monument, Dr. Goucher announced the hymn, "See how great a flame aspires," Dr. Edwards spoke, and prayers were offered. How busy our thoughts were! What had God wrought in these 130 years! From that one meeting-house had come over 50,000 churches, valued at over \$130,000,000; the little class here organized had grown to four and a half millions of communicants; the little society, without learning, wealth, or social influence, had become a vast community of wealth, culture and power.

A mile beyond is the Strawbridge farm, which the neighbors cultivated, caring for his family while he ranged over the country preaching the Gospel. He continued his work with untiring zeal until 1781, when he died in the triumph of faith, and was buried by Richard Owen, his son in the Gospel, the first native Methodist preacher in America. Some years ago his ashes were removed to Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore, and he now sleeps in the Bishops' lot with Asbury, Emory, George, Waugh, and other worthies.

A short ride brought the pilgrims to New Windsor, and each returned to his home, thankful for the privilege of having taken part in the first Methodist Historical Pilgrimage in the world.

#### Politics.

Since the adjournment of Congress and the subsidence of the floods of eloquence over the tariff bill, matters have been quiet along the Potomac. The Congressional committees are sending out millions of pages of "literature" intended to influence voters, and the general elections are being helped on from the Democratic and Republican headquarters here.

Dismissals are still the order of the day in the Departments. It is estimated that there have been not less than 2,500 dismissals and reductions during the past few months. It is believed that the President is unflinchingly loyal to the true principles of Civil Service reform; but the officers of the government are aware of the reactionary drift, and fearing that the day of judgment for the party in power is at hand, they must needs "make hay while the sun shines," and show how tenure of place is affected by partisanship and political change.

#### Methodism in the Capital.

The great numbers thrown out of employment and the prevalence of destitution have led the Preachers' Meeting to discuss the whole question of relief for the poor. It was brought out in the discussion that the only proper charity is organized charity. Indiscriminate giving only perpetuates the evils it seeks to relieve. True charity, scientific charity, not only pities poverty, but studies it and seeks to remove the cause.

The relief work of our national Deaconess Home was heartily commended. These deaconesses, like angels of mercy, enter the homes of the suffering and destitute, nursing the sick and caring for the poor "without money and without price." They have a bureau of supplies at the Home, and through the benevolence of the founder they offered last year to the poor coal in the smallest parcels at the rate of cost paid per ton.

Friday, Oct. 19, was a high day at the Home, 1140 North Capital St., it being the dedication service of the Sibley Memorial Hospital in connection with the deaconess work. In the absence of Bishop Hurst, Presiding Elder Wilson directed the proceedings. Mrs. Clinton B. Flak accepted from the donor, Mr. W. J. Sibley, the gift of the Hospital, on behalf of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the trustees. Dr. Naylor, of Baltimore, gave an address, and Bishop Bowman conducted the dedicatory service. In the evening a reception was given to Mrs. Flak by the Deaconess Board.

The ladies of our churches are all astir preparing for the General Executive meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which continues in session from Oct. 24 to the end of the month. Bishop Thoburn, Dr. Burt, superintendent of the Italian work, and other missionaries are in attendance.

Our resident Bishop has just returned from holding the two Indiana Conferences, now merged into one, and the two Tennessee Conferences. In Kentucky he encountered the "moonshiners," and had a novel journey with them, their wives, the witnesses, attorneys and officers of the law. He reports a healthy condition of the work, and \$5,000 added to the funds of the American University. Vice-Chancellor Beller also reports the endowment of another chair by a gentleman of the West. Hon. Matthew G. Emery, the treasurer, who has been confined to his room for some weeks by a severe bronchial attack, is now steadily improving.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church will be celebrated on Nov. 4. Bishop Newman, who organized the church and has been three times its pastor, will preach the memorial sermon, and it is expected that the services will be unusually interesting and impressive.



The Epworth League.

New England District.

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THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE-BOOK.

Rev. Edward M. Taylor.

THE fifth annual convention of the First General Conference District is now a matter of history, marking a very inspiring page in the record of New England League work. Previous to the convention the members of the program committee were haunted with forebodings concerning the success of the Manchester gathering. Our fears were in no way connected with the able representatives who had been assigned places on the program; but the fact that two State conventions were held in northern New England only a few days before the gathering of the tribes in Manchester made it a matter of grave doubt as to whether the general convention could secure the number of delegates necessary to create the enthusiasm of numbers. These fears proved to be groundless in the general success of our convention; yet the small number of delegates present from those sections of territory in which the two previous conventions were held, indicates that they did interfere somewhat with the representation at Manchester. The general convention was a brilliant and successful occasion not on account of the previous State conventions, but in spite of them.

There is not the slightest intimation in these words that there was any intention on the part of the management of these two previous conventions to interfere with the general assembly in Manchester. State conventions are certainly helpful to our work; but the wisdom of holding them at such times as to prevent a larger representation at the general meeting is seriously doubted.

It has fallen to the lot of the writer to be elected to the presidency of the First General District. He is not indifferent to the honor, and is profoundly thankful for the confidence placed in him. He feels keenly the pressure of responsibility, and his brotherly suggestion to the League State officers in New England is along the line of concurrent effort and labor in the general work. This end may be secured so far as convention plans are concerned by placing the State conventions in the month of June instead of October.

A BETTER WAY.

The question of transportation and entertainment connected with a large convention is always a difficult one. More or less friction is liable to manifest itself on account of the personal equation figuring therein. This element showed itself to some degree in our last convention. However, these difficulties were wisely adjusted, and when explanations were in order they were found to be the result of misunderstandings and unforeseen contingencies rather than negligence or incapacity. A wise method for the future would be the complete separation of the work connected with transportation and entertainment. The combination of the two under one management admits of too many complications to be easily handled. One committee should have full charge of all matters connected with transportation, and the local committee should be entrusted with all the arrangements relating to entertainment. This suggestion is the fruit of experience, and it is good fruit.

A WORD ON CHAPTER ENTERTAINMENT.

A short time ago the writer enjoyed the privilege of being present at an entertainment given by the chapter connected with Winthrop Street Church, Boston. Rev. Dr. Geo. A. Crawford, of Woburn, was the guest of the evening, and spoke on China and Japan in their relations to Korea. The subject as printed may look like a dry theme for a League entertainment, but that thought soon vanishes when Dr. Crawford begins speaking. He held both the Juniors and the Seniors spellbound. This address is so framed as to give a clear, incisive, inter-

esting and instructive description of the past and present relations of these two great nations now so prominently before the world.

A FEELING OF SADNESS

and a sense of loss come to all Epworthians as we are compelled to pen the announcement that our beloved, able and versatile general secretary, Rev. F. N. Upham, is obliged to resign the office to which he was re-elected at the Manchester Convention. This action is forced upon him by the pressure of his church work. His wise counsels and wide experience will be retained in the district cabinet by his appointment as cabinet editor—a position he formerly held.

The ballots for a secretary have been sent to the members of the district cabinet and returned, resulting in the election of Merritt C. Beale, 38 Bromfield St., Boston. Mr. Beale brings to the office as secretary a ripe experience and a large acquaintance with the League work in New England, having been in touch with it from the beginning. It is a case of the office finding the man.

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PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR BUSY WORKERS.

Dept. of Spiritual Work.

Rev. E. O. Thayer.  
First Vice President.

THE year is full of starting-points with fresh opportunities and inducements to renewed activities. The adjournment of the Manchester Convention opens a new year of Epworth League work for the New England District.

In entering with some hesitation upon the work so successfully conducted by Mr. Douglass, I wish to solicit the hearty and systematic co-operation of all the first vice-presidents of the district. I can best serve you, not by my own suggestions, but by using the HERALD column as a lens to focus rays of wisdom from every chapter, thus shedding light upon the pathway of duty and privilege we are walking together. Please write at least once a month of your plans of work, and of successes achieved. Ask questions to be answered by others of wider experience. Examine your segment of the Epworth wheel and endeavor to work every part.

Before another League edition of the HERALD is issued, our Thanksgiving Day Missionary offering will have been made. Let every chapter determine to combine with the giving united prayer for revival. Our offerings and outpourings of blessings from heaven may always be combined if our faith is strong.

Make the devotional meetings interesting by variety; not chiefly by changes of form, but by securing some service from everybody. Use the pledge. Better have small and active chapters than large ones with many drones.

Ask your Junior League superintendent if she has all the help needed. Canvass the town and get all the children into Sabbath-school. Make the first department the source of power for the others.

Gardiner, Me.

Dept. of Mercy and Help.

Rev. I. P. Chase.  
Second Vice President.

THE Lord Jesus came to this earth on an errand of mercy and help. Mankind was in great need, destitute of moral purity, sick with the loathsome disease of sin. Helpless and hopeless was their condition. With a heart thrilling with love and pity Jesus came to redeem from sin, purify the heart, and give the riches of divine grace.

As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should be tender, loving, and thoughtful for others, seeking opportunities to do them good. It was this Christlike spirit that prompted our leaders to put Mercy and Help as the second spoke in the Epworth wheel. During five years of noble service this spoke has borne its share of the weight without breaking, or even bending. But what of the future? The burdens to be carried by the Epworth wheel are vastly greater than those carried in the past. Each spoke should be strengthened by prayer and earnest effort.

Let us give unceasing praise to the great Head of the church for the success that has attended the labors of this department in the past. In view of the magnitude and importance of the work, let us renew our consecration and devotion to the service of God and humanity. Where we have carried aid, comfort and cheer to hundreds of hearts and lives, in the year to come let us

by the grace of God carry them to thousands.

One encouraging feature of the work is that we are using more system in planning our work, especially in visitation. Each city and town should be divided into small districts, each in charge of a member of this department. This means hard work, but will insure a great reward. See Matt. 25: 31-40.

St. Johnsbury Centre, Vt.

Dept. of Junior Work.

Mrs. Annie E. Smiley.  
Supt. Junior League.

Convention Echoes.

DEAR JUNIOR WORKERS: I wish I could have had you all with me at the recent Epworth League Convention at Manchester. As an antidote for discouragement, a cure for the blues, and a tonic for the faint-hearted, I would cordially recommend just such a convention as this has been.

Friday morning, the second day of the convention, the Juniors had the right of way. Up to that time the sky had been cloudy, but the sun shone out brightly to welcome the children. Twenty-seven Juniors, each bearing a small banner, marched up the aisle of the church and were seated in the places reserved for them. After singing the Lord's Prayer, and reciting the 23d Psalm, the Juniors listened attentively to a short address by the Junior superintendent, and then fled out again, and returned to the duties of the school-room from which they had been excused for this service.

At 1 o'clock, the hour of the department meetings, more than fifty Junior League workers met together for a workers' conference, and it was here that the sparks flew fast, as one after another told of achievements, rehearsed experiences, or spoke of encouragements and discouragements.

In the list of achievements one young lady reported that her Junior League was paying for a cistern to supply the church building with water. Another Junior League has subscribed a liberal amount towards the church debt; another pays the rent of a pew in church to which strangers are welcomed; others have bought singing books for use in the church prayer-meeting, have organized a boys' choir, are sewing for the poor, and doing other works of mercy and help. Dr. Martha Sheldon, our beloved medical missionary, was there, and told us about her Junior League away out among the mountains of North India. Lillian Hale, "the children's missionary," sat beside her, and her bright face showed her interest in work among the children. The best report of all was that of one lady who said: "Eleven of my Juniors have been converted during the past year."

Ipswich, Mass.

To League Members Everywhere.

WE wish to call your attention to the League booklet, "What We Can Do," issued by the New Bedford District League. As its name implies, it gives practical suggestions for members of each department, telling what they can do. Below are the opinions of prominent League workers and officers.

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R. R. DOBNEY, 2d " "  
(Rev.) H. C. JENNINGS, 4th " "  
(Rev.) E. A. SCHILL, Gen. Sec.  
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I am glad you are to issue a second edition of "What We Can Do." It is the most suggestive little publication concerning League work that I have seen. It answers more questions and starts more ideas than one could possibly expect.

(Rev.) W. I. HAYES, 3d Vice Pres.

I wish "What We Can Do" could be in the hands of every official of each chapter, and indeed in those of every member. Its suggestions followed out will increase the intellectual, moral and spiritual power of usefulness of our young people.

(Bishop) W. F. MALLAMER.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Merritt C. Beale.

General Secretary.

(38 Bromfield St., Boston.)

Will Conference presidents please to see that lists of all State, District and Circuit officers are at once sent to the Secretary?

It is very important that all changes in chapter secretaryships be reported immediately to the Secretary. We are about to send out a letter to the chapters, and hope to have a correct list of secretaries before doing so.

"A Pilgrimage to Epworth," by Rev. Dr. James T. Dooking, Western, N. I., calls forth enthusiastic commendation where heard. Entertainment committees will do well to communicate with Dr. Dooking. The lecture is illustrated with 100 stereopticon views.

Rev. Charles Tilton, of Asbury Church, Springfield, Mass., has a lecture upon "Amusements," which treats soberly and wisely this matter of the legitimate entertainment of Christians. It will be particularly helpful where the matter is under discussion.

Ladies writing to the office in Boston will do well to observe the following: If one signs her letter A. L. Smith, we cannot know whether she is married or single, are puzzled as to what prefix to use in addressing her, and decide to use none. She is not pleased to be addressed as Miss if married, and is much displeased to find Mrs. upon the envelope if not attached to the name she intends to take for life! Kindly help us by writing (Miss) or (Mrs.) before your signature.

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## Fresh from the Field.

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## Some Group Conventions.

The West Boston Circuit, comprising the churches of Eggleston Square, St. Andrew's and First Church of Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, Dedham, West Roxbury, and Hyde Park, met with the last-named society for its annual meeting, Oct. 22. Rev. E. M. Taylor, of Boston, delivered the chief address.

Group No. 1, North Boston District, comprises the following churches: Woburn, Waltham, Winchester, Trinity and Monument Square (Charlestown), and Broadway (Somerville). A group gathering was held, Sept. 27, in Trinity Church, Dr. W. N. Brodbeck, pastor. In discussing the "League Prayer-meeting" the following facts were brought out: (1) All meetings, with one exception, are held just before regular Sunday evening service; the society differing from its neighbors holds its meeting Wednesday evening. (2) About 75 per cent. remain to the second Sunday evening service. One pastor frankly admits that the young people attend regular church services better than he attends League meetings. (3) The pledge of one of these societies—Christian Endeavor—is "a dead letter." The work of the departments was discussed by various speakers. Mr. Leslie Leigh, in speaking upon "Essentials in Epworth League Work," said that we must be in league with a higher Power, and with each other, and must also be in contact with the world.

The fifth sub-district convention of the Norwich District, N. E. Southern Conference, was held in September at Willimantic, Conn. The following list of themes suggests a very useful meeting: "Christian Stewardship as Applied to League Finances;" "The League in the City;" "Junior Work;" "The League and Temperance Work;" "The Epworth League's A B C."

The Leagues in Springfield, West Springfield, Mittineague, Feeding Hills and East Longmeadow held a circuit meeting in Grace Church, Springfield, Sept. 24. Here are notable features: Symposium—"The Epworthian of 1900"—his study, his pocket-book, his neighbors, his church. Aspiration Service, "What, as an Epworth Leaguer, I aspire to do in Jesus' name," Rev. Chas. Tilton, leader. (One-sentence response from every Leaguer.)

Fourteen churches in the vicinity of Westboro (Mass.) held a group meeting with the League of that place, Wednesday, Oct. 10. Dr. Brodbeck delivered the principal address, on "My Duty as a Young Christian to the Church." Rev. W. C. Townsend is circuit president.

## "Provokes unto Love and to Good Works."

The reading of such reports as the following from Parkin Chapter, Brockton (Mass.), incites to higher enterprise:—

"The report of the department of Spiritual Work, by Mr. W. W. Foley, showed that during the year 51 Sunday evening devotional meetings have been held, with an average attendance during the cooler months of 120. Framed cards, giving time of church services and an invitation to attend, have been hung up in hotels, barber shops, the railroad station and other public places; delegations have occasionally visited nearly all the neighboring chapters and helped in their devotional services, and a fortnightly prayer-meeting on Carey Hill is in charge of this department. A grand work has been done by the department of Mercy and Help, of which Mrs. Mortimer is chairman. Her report shows that 472 calls have been made and 235 bouquets have been distributed to the sick and 'shut ins.' Boxes of flowers have been sent to the Epworth House, Massachusetts General Hospital, Little Wanderers' Home and the Home for Consumptives in Boston. The ladies of the department have been formed into several sewing circles, and as a result of their labors 275 pieces of clothing have been collected, made over, and distributed to the needy. They have also attended to and done housework for the sick, and fruit jellies, canned goods, beef tea and other delicacies have been distributed. The department of Literary Work, in charge of Miss Holmes, has been very successful in the merit and interest of the literary programs provided every month, and the unique socials following them. The department of Social Work, under Mr. Geo. M. Hart, has given several successful socials, receptions, and lectures. This department also provides floral decoration for the church, the flowers after service being given to the Mercy and Help department for distribution. The chapter has held 26 business and public meetings during the year. There have been three deaths and several transfers by card, yet the membership now is 350—an increase of 58 over last year. The treasurer reports cash receipts of \$607 during the year, and since the organization of the League in '88, about \$2,400 has passed through his hands. Miss Lovell reports good work, and a membership of 100, in the Junior League. All members of the chapter are entering upon another year's work with much enthusiasm and a willingness to do whatever comes to hand."

## Maitland Chapter.

This chapter is connected with the church in Amesbury (Mass.), of which Rev. D. E. Miller is the pastor. Mr. Miller is devoting himself specially to the interests of the young people during October. He calls it "Young People's Month." The following topics suggest the work undertaken: Oct. 7, 7 P. M., "Young People's Era;" Oct. 14, 10.30 A. M., "Remote Consequences;" P. M., "The Inner Life;" Oct. 21, A. M., "Good Tidings;" M., Sunday-school rally; P. M., Autumn concert. Oct. 22, P. M., "An Evening with the Poet Bryant." Oct. 28, A. M., "Perennial Youth;" P. M., "Character Predominant." A reading club using the "Home College Series" has been organized, with Mrs. Miller as leader, and it is already very successful. Nearly 30 young people are taking the readings. The League is planning to assume

\$100 of the church debt which the people are trying to pay off in this their semi-centennial year.

## Installation Service.

On Oct. 14 the League of Centre Church, Malden, installed the new officers: President, Charles E. Mann; vice-presidents, Donald H. Garriab, Miss Catherine A. Burden, Wayne Whipple, Mrs. G. W. Rounds; secretary, Miss Addie B. Slack; treasurer, James L. Wilson. The chairmen of the various committees also participated in the service. The charges to the officers were given by L. H. Shaw, E. S. Wellington and Miss Ella Merrill, officers of the district League, W. T. Morton, president of Malden-Medford circuit, and A. L. Nutter. Rev. Dr. Leonard, the pastor, gave the charge to the chairmen of the committees. The inaugural address of the president contained valuable suggestions for future work. The concluding part of the service was very appropriate and impressive: the officers knelt at the altar while the church quartet sang "Wholly the Lord's," and the pastor offered a most fervent prayer.

## Here and There.

The Juniors at Swampscott (Mass.) held, a few weeks ago, a fair, and raised \$12 thereby. The League in the same place contributed \$20 towards improvements on church property.

The Junior League in Trinity Church, Cambridge, supports a day school in China, has a "Stamp Savings Bank," a kindergarten for children under ten, and receives systematic temperance instruction.

In Southbridge (Mass.) the pastor's wife, Mrs. A. R. Nichols, intends forming a Junior League.

## State League Conventions.

The recent New England convention at Manchester developed the feeling, very generally cherished, that we must pull together in our work, and that the holding of State conventions near the date of the general meeting is somewhat depressing to the workers and derogatory to the work of the larger district. Without questioning the good results of State meetings recently held, we do urge our brethren to stand by and maintain the methods already existing until they are changed properly.

## Springfield District Convention.

The sixth annual convention of the Springfield District Epworth League was held at Appleton St. Church, Holyoke, Oct. 19. The attendance was good throughout the day, the central location and the fine autumnal weather favoring a large gathering of the Leaguers and their friends.

Rev. A. M. Osgood, of Ware, district president, presided, and gave the response to the very cordial greetings of Rev. W. E. Knox, pastor of the church; in this response was included a bird's-eye view of the Manchester Convention. Rev. C. M. Hall, president of North Boston District (but until the last Conference of Springfield District), brought to his former fellow-workers "A Word of Cheer for the Literary Department." Rev. W. T. Perrin, of South Boston, spoke upon the theme, "Wanted—Epworth Leaguers who See Visions." Rev. Dr. T. C. Watkins told us of "That Irrepressible Boy," and Mrs. G. M. Smiley, of Ipswich, of "Our Little People." Rev. E. J. Helms, of the Epworth League Settlement, awakened great interest in his work; and Miss Clara Cushman was, as she is always, gladly received.

The various "Round Tables" were in charge of their respective presidents, and brought out interesting papers from ten of the earnest workers on the district, and words of help and cheer from others.

The evening exercises began with an "Aspiration Service," conducted by Rev. N. B. Fisk, of Chicopee Falls—"What, as an Epworth Leaguer, I aspire to do, in His name, the year to come." The address of the evening, "The Epworth Leaguer in Society," by Rev. Henry Tuckley, of Springfield, was a good ending of a good day.

The Leagues of Holyoke, Holyoke Highlands and South Hadley Falls united in entertaining

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the convention, and to the generous provision made by them for their guests, much of the success of the convention was due.

The district is justly proud of the showing made by its own talent, of the good, practical, helpful thoughts advanced by them; and some have given expression to this query: "Could not some of these gifted speakers who go from one end of the Conference to the other, find something better to give us than stories? Do they find such matters especially helpful in the development of our youth and our Leagues?"

The officers for the coming year are: President, Rev. A. M. Osgood, of Ware; vice-presidents, Rev. L. H. Dorchester, Westfield, Rev. Charles Tilton, Springfield, Mr. L. H. Randall, Holyoke, Mrs. G. H. Chamberlain, Springfield; superintendent Junior Work, Mrs. W. G. Richardson, Springfield; secretary, Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, South Hadley Falls; treasurer, Mr. C. J. Seaver, Chicopee Falls. W. G. R.

## Portland District Convention.

The annual convention of the Portland District Epworth League was held at the Foss St. Church, Biddeford, Oct. 17. The day was beautiful for the convention, and the large number of delegates attending were very pleasantly entertained by the members of the Biddeford League during the day.

One of the best features of the program was the brilliant address of Rev. Fred C. Rogers, of Portland, who took for his subject, "The Optimistic Worker." He is an eloquent and forceful speaker, and handled his subject in a very able manner.

In the evening Mrs. Annie E. Smiley, of Ipswich, Mass., spoke very interestingly on "The Ideal Junior League." The address of Rev. T. C. Watkins, D. D., of Chelsea, Mass., on

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#### Bucksport District Convention.

The Bucksport District (Western) Epworth League held its fourth annual convention at Penobscot, Oct. 10. Arrangements had been made for an all-day session. An interesting program was prepared and everything gave promise of a very large gathering of delegates and friends and a pleasant and profitable convention, but right in the midst of these exercises the worst storm of the season broke upon us. Although this did doubtless keep many from the afternoon and evening sessions, it did not detract from the interest or enthusiasm of those present.

The convention opened with a very helpful praise and prayer service led by Rev. A. B. Carter. An address of welcome was made by Mr. Frank Hutchings, which was responded to by the chairman of the meeting, Rev. H. W. Norton was chosen president, and Miss Edith Bartlett secretary pro tem.

Essays were then presented and read as follows: "Epworth League: Its Past, Present and Future," Miss Chrystal M. Chase; "The Well-conducted Social Department," Miss Annie A. Rea; "The Third Department of League Work," F. H. Nickerson, Esq.; "Revival Work in the League," John W. Annar; "Gleanings from State Convention," Miss Edith Bartlett; "The Ideal League," Miss Alice Boynton.

Rev. Charles Rogers led the afternoon praise-service, and Rev. E. H. Boynton gave an address on the "Relation of East Maine Conference Seminary to the Epworth League," urging all to consider the need of this institution.

General Secretary R. A. Jordan of the Y. M. C. A. of Bangor, by two admirable addresses added much to the interest of the convention. His earnest words on "Personal Work" will not soon be forgotten by those who heard them.

The hospitality of the League and their friends at Penobscot seemed to be without limit, for they took care of the convention much longer than they expected and seemed sorry that it could not hold over another day. That this hospitality was appreciated was manifest in the fitting resolutions passed and ordered printed in the local papers and spread upon the records of the convention.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, F. H. Nickerson, Esq.; vice-presidents, Rev. E. H. Boynton, Mr. Harry Brooks, Rev. A. J. Lookhart, Miss Annie A. Rea, Miss Chrystal M. Chase, Mr. Harold Gordon.

A solo by Miss Clara Rea and several selections rendered by the Seminary Male Quartet added much to the interest and enjoyment of the convention.

SHUNBRAW.

#### W. C. T. U.

THE Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Massachusetts held its 21st annual convention in Fitchburg, Oct. 16-18. The days were filled with good things, and the reports of the different departments showed how zealous the women have been during the past year. Mrs. Susan S. Fessenden was re-elected president for her fifth year of service. The long-continued applause when the result of the ballot was made known, and the flutter of handkerchiefs as she was led to the platform, showed the esteem and love in which she is held. Mrs. Esther Housh, of Boston, was elected corresponding secretary. Mrs. Housh was formerly president of the Vermont W. C. T. U., and is eminently capable of filling the office.

The work of the W. C. T. U. is carried on somewhat differently from other societies, being largely departmental, and to show proper care for all the different branches requires many workers. The membership of Massachusetts increased nearly one thousand during the year. Many representative women were present, and spoke, including Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, whose reputation is world-wide on scientific temperance instruction, gave an hour to the teachers of the public schools, telling them and the convention how to teach this study. Mrs. Helen M. Barker, the national treasurer, gave an address one evening; Hon. Geo. W. Bain, of Kentucky, another; and the third was filled with the introductions of the vice-presidents and the president's address.

Frederick Peterson, a native Swede, who has spent three months in Sweden this past summer in the study of the Norwegian system, gave the result of his research, which was decidedly against the system. His advice to those wishing to study this so-called temperance measure is that they go to Sweden and Norway and search for themselves; and let them not ask those reaping the benefit of the sales regarding its success, but the total abstinents. The hearty applause which he received during and at the close of his address plainly declared the W. C. T. U. as totally opposed to this measure.

Mrs. Mary S. Howes spoke of her work among foreigners, saying that the work was largely educational. She made some rather caustic remarks about the slum element being brought to America for election purposes, claiming that

these people should live here twenty-one years, the same as our own sons, before being allowed to vote.

Marion A. McBride read a paper on "Domestic Science." This is not confined to cooking, but includes a study and application of the best methods of plumbing, drainage, heating, ventilation, sanitary house-furnishing, and general lines of physical culture.

Mrs. A. E. Swallow commended the work done for scientific temperance in the public schools, and stated that the teachers were increasingly interested in the work, and that about 200,000 children were taught according to law in our own State.

Mrs. S. W. Simpson reported a large number of flowers with Scripture texts given out in hospitals, homes, and among the poor and sick, and best of all that fifteen have been brought to Christ during the year.

Mrs. F. E. Carrington spoke of "Purity" as one of the redemptive agents of the world. There is great need of a universal uplift on this line until "a white life for two" shall not be a rare, but a common thing.

Mrs. M. E. A. Gleason said there are 1,500,000 opium victims in this country, and urged the ladies not to use cocaine, bromides, or antipyrine, as they are dangerous to the general health. Anti-cigarette leagues should be formed in the public schools.

Mrs. A. F. Rolfe, for mothers' meetings, told how the home was to be made better because the mothers were to know how to care for the children entrusted to them. Not to the mother alone belongs the duty of caring for the home, but to the father as well. Here is laid the foundation of good health and good character.

Miss Elizabeth Kingman reported for the Sunday-school work. It may not be generally known that the W. C. T. U. is responsible entirely for the quarterly temperance lessons, but such is the fact. The effort is made that they be taught from primary to senior grade, and that the influence of the Sunday-school be directly for temperance.

It is impossible to speak of all the different departments; suffice it to say that much work has been accomplished during the year—good, solid work.

The report of the resolution committee is always awaited with interest, and the wide range which they take proves conclusively that the ladies are not "of one idea" alone: Immigration still further regulated by law, and that immigrants should be able to read and speak the English language before being allowed to vote; enforcing the scientific temperance instruction law; reaffirming the same uncompromising stand for the prohibition of the liquor traffic; against lynching—whatever the crime; deploring the extended use of root beer, and their advertisement in religious papers; looking for more attention to healthful dressing; expressing a radical unbelief in the Norwegian system; reaffirming a belief that the ballot for women is the final step in the abolition of the saloon; expressing an appreciation of the great power of the press to advance the work of the W. C. T. U.; and thanking the good people of Fitchburg and vicinity for their uniform kindness throughout.

A "Y" was organized in the high school, and quite a number of the ladies spoke before various organizations.

From the mayor's welcome to the closing benediction there was unity and harmony, the reason being the morning prayer-meeting and the noon-tide devotional service. Surely God increasingly blesses the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the world.

### The Conferences.

#### N. E. Southern Conference.

##### Providence District

**Preachers' Meeting.**—Rev. W. C. Townsend, of Milford, Mass., having exchanged with Rev. P. M. Vinton, of Pawtucket, the day before, preached before the Providence Methodist Ministers' Meeting on Oct. 1, his subject being, "The Apostle Paul;" text, Romans 1: 1. At that meeting it was voted that Rev. J. M. Taber, of Trinity, be requested to correspond with Chaplain McCabe in reference to holding a missionary convention in Providence late in the month of October.

On Oct. 8 Mr. Joel Bassett, of the Bethany Mission, spoke earnestly and touchingly on "How to Reach and Win Souls," showing that love and sympathy are the great motive powers, and illustrating his points from incidents that had occurred in his own experience.

October 7 was a good day at the Edgewood Church, Providence; \$300 was raised to pay for the addition that was put on the chapel last fall. On the same day \$23 was raised in the Sunday-school for the cause of missions, and at the regular church service 2 were received on probation, 7 were taken into full membership, and 6 joined the church by certificate. This church is doing a very important work in this community. It is made up of a class of persons who are eminently social, and through that quality they are reaching many. They are getting along remarkably well with their financial matters, giving a good example to churches that are older and richer. Rev. E. F. Stanley is on his fourth year as pastor, and is deservedly popular. He has just moved to 1304 Eddy Street, that being much nearer the church than the place of his former residence. Rev. George W. Anderson, who has recently moved to 256 Vermont Ave., began a series of special meetings October 8. The preaching has been excellent and the interest good.

We regret to hear that Rev. W. H. Stetson, a member of our Conference, is at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence for treatment. His many friends will pray earnestly for his recovery.

ery. He would be very glad to see any of his brethren when they are in the city.

The second Sunday in October was observed as "Old People's Day" by the Matheson Street Church, Providence. The audience was large, a goodly number of aged persons being present. The text of the pastor, Rev. M. S. Kaufman, was John 14: 1-3. The subject was, "The Aged Christian's Future Home." The sermon was much appreciated, as was also the original poem by Mrs. Kaufman. A large collection was received for our Conference claimants. Oct. 22 was "Harvest Home" Sunday. The pastor's subject was, "The Sorrows and Joys of Harvest." The decorations of the church were elaborate—being of autumn leaves, grains, vegetables, fruits and flowers. A Sunday-school concert was held in the evening.

A few weeks since a call for a mass meeting was issued for Oct. 5 by the committee of the official board, consisting of Dr. Robert Hall, E. Harrison Howard and F. H. Maynard, to discuss matters relating to plans for a new church and also to secure pledges for the same. The meeting was a splendid success. The people were present in large numbers and manifested much interest in the enterprise. The members are united grandly and are really enthusiastic in the determination to have a new edifice. All are in favor of building on the present site, tearing down and filling the entire lot of 60 x 120 feet. This site is central and attendants live in all parts of the city. There is also a powerful attachment to the old place around which so many sacred memories cluster; it binds together all families, some of whom would drop into churches nearer their homes if the location were moved. The expense of building is also much less than on an open lot, and it is well to have the moral and religious influence of the church right in the city centre. It was very encouraging to receive reliable pledges for over \$50,000 at the first appeal. A committee has been appointed to see all who have not yet responded. Several architects are preparing partial plans. The most desirable one will be chosen and completed. As rapidly as practicable the work will be pushed.

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#### Vermont Conference.

##### St. Johnsbury District.

**Greensboro.**—An Epworth League chapter has been organized in connection with our society here.

**Lowell.**—The frame of the new church edifice is up, and work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

**Westfield.**—The pulpit has been occupied by different pastors on the district the past three Sabbaths.

**Brownington.**—Much interest has been aroused in the evangelistic meetings, and results have already been secured.

**Cabot.**—Mrs. Ella C. Elmer is in attendance at the General Executive meeting of the W. H. M. S., at Williamsport, Pa., as a delegate from the Vermont Conference society.

**West Woodbury.**—Work on the church is progressing, and the pastor has been cheered by the gift of a check for \$100 by a visiting Congregationalist brother who became interested in the building project.

**Groton.**—A district W. H. M. S. convention will be held Nov. 6 and 7, the first service being on the evening of Nov. 6, when an address will be delivered by Rev. Thos. Tyrie, of St. Johnsbury.

**West Danville.**—Twelve persons united with the church the second Sunday in October.

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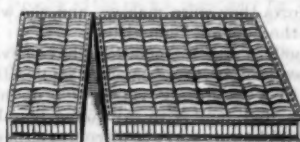
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## The Family.

### "I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS."

Mrs. E. A. Hawkins.

O mountains, crowned with grandeur,  
Your solemn summits seem  
To be some far-off country,  
Seen through a misty dream.  
The breezes from your forests  
Borne to my listening ear,  
Seem like the songs of childhood,  
So old and yet so dear.

Eternal peace and calmness  
Rest on your rocky brow;  
Above all toil and tumult  
You seem to bear me now.  
The clouds stoop low, caressing  
Your summits old and gray;  
They seem like hands in blessing  
Laid on your heads away.

Man's life seems brief as shadows  
Which sweep across your crest;  
It flows on like the torrent  
Which cleaves your rocky breast;  
It fades as fades the foliage  
When summer's reign is done,  
And low behind the hill-tops  
Sinks her departing sun.

They pass, but thou remainest,  
Thy form uplifted high,  
In all thy solemn grandeur,  
Still looking toward the sky;  
The placid pool beneath thee  
Reflects thy wooded height,  
While silent stars keep vigil  
Throughout the lonely night.

But He who built the mountains  
And gave the stream its bound,  
Who bade thy barren summits  
With cloud and mist be crowned,  
Holds us as in the hollow  
Of His almighty hand;  
When mountains melt and perish,  
We shall immortal stand.

Providence, R. I.

### Thoughts for the Thoughtful.

October reigns o'er all the dreamy hills;  
Awake, my soul, and lift thy voice in praise,  
And sing the glory of autumnal days,  
And voice the gladness of the heart that thrills,  
When to the brim the cup of nature fills!

— Clarence Hawkes.

All that you and I are responsible for is  
doing our duty. Ours is the seedling, and  
God alone beholds the end of what is sown.  
How do we know how much good we ac-  
complish when we do any good thing or  
utter any truth in love? Eternity will be  
full of surprises to us. Wait and see. —  
Theodore L. Ogilby, D. D.

The Christian, at least, should be the last  
man to disparage autumn. If it reminds  
him of the brevity and transitoriness of  
mortal life, it should also remind him of the  
glory of the life that never fades. The sea-  
son sings of decay, but it also prophesies  
renovation. It is Carlyle, we think, who  
somewhere says: "There is not a leaf rot-  
ting in the highway that dies; or how else  
could it rot?" If there is to be a spring,  
there must also be an autumn. Without  
what we call death there can be no resur-  
rection. Hence the true Christian is as  
quick to welcome one season as he is another.  
All things are beautiful to him in their  
time, and the things that are austere as well  
as those that are genial. — Watchman.

Take to thy cheerless soul the lesson taught  
By the wise groans, in that far Orient day  
When all in vain the emperor made essay  
To mount the nettled charger, which had caught  
Sight of its own weird shadow as it lay  
Exaggerate behind. "Tis this has wrought  
His restless frenzy. When his face is brought  
To front the sun, his fright will pass away."

Turn thus, disheartened one, and face the light  
Of God's clear shining, and the darkness cast  
By thy own fears shall all be overpast;  
And, standing in His radiance, thou shalt find  
That fear has vanished in the effluence bright,  
And that the shadow has been left behind.

— MARGARET J. PRESTON, in S. S. Times.

We are writing an imperishable record by  
our fleeting deeds. Half a dozen pages  
carry all the story of that stormy life of  
David. It takes a thousand rose-trees to  
make a vital full of essence of roses. The  
record and issues of life will be condensed  
into small compass, but the essence of it is  
eternal. We shall find it again, and  
have to drink as we have browsed  
when we get yonder. "Be not de-  
ceived, God is not mocked, for whatso-  
ever a man soweth that shall he also reap."  
There is a time to "sow," and that is the  
present life; "and there is a time to reap"  
the fruits of our sowing, and that is the  
time when times have ended, and eternity  
is here. — ALEXANDER MACLAREN, D. D., in  
"The Wearied Christ."

The October leaf fading is a festival, a  
triumphant pageant rather than a funeral.  
As one says, "It is as if every drop of the  
hidden sap sought to express itself in glow-  
ing color—to say it is glorious to live and

to die—and to say it with most eloquent  
interest in its final hour." How well I re-  
member the times when I gathered autumn  
leaves and pressed them and made them  
into wreaths, and one time I had an autumn  
cross. I did not see as deeply into the truth  
then as I do now, that all the laying down  
of life that the autumn leaves mean is only  
that it may be taken up again, and that  
other lives are to have the advantage of the  
fading, and that the only crown of glory is  
character that fadeth not away. I love the  
autumn time. I do not see all it means, but  
I see a little. And Whittier's autumn song  
becomes more and more to me as I see year  
after year the "trees that dream of bloom"  
when this season comes round. I am sorry  
for the people who dream of the bloom of  
the past but not of the future. — MARGARET  
BOTTOMS, in *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Sweeter than any grace of tint or form;  
nobler than the keen look of intellect, or  
the massive breadth of power; nobler  
when it is added on to these—is the beauty  
with which holiness of soul lights up the  
face. It makes the plainest features  
pleasant to look upon; it lights up the  
sunk eyes of sickness, smooths the worn  
brow of care, wreathes the drawn lips of  
suffering into smiles, and gives to age a  
glory which is like a foreshadowing of the  
very "crown of life." Some one has said  
that a woman cannot choose whether she  
shall be beautiful at twenty, but that it is  
her own fault if she is not beautiful by the  
time she is sixty. True—and for men as  
well as for women. As life goes on our  
faces become what we make them—the silent  
outgrowth of the character within. —  
BROOKE HERFORD, D. D., in "Sermons of  
Courage and Cheer."

You bow low in sorrow when death has  
touched a loved one of yours and the circle  
is broken. The loss seems irreparable. The  
grief appears too deep ever to receive com-  
fort. But the Comforter comes, the conso-  
lations of divine love are given, and the  
sorrow is turned into joy. The sense of loss  
is not taken away. The friend is not given  
back. The keenness of the grief is not soft-  
ened. But the love of Christ is revealed.  
The truth of immortal blessedness becomes  
a window through which faith's eye sees  
into the heavenly glory, beholding, not  
death, but radiant life. The will of God,  
that seemed to crush like a falling avalanche  
the heart's frail joys, appears now the very  
hand of love, blessing, and doing good. The  
sorrow becomes deep joy. In every life  
that has passed through such experiences  
and has kept its faith, the sweetest, richest  
joys are always transformed sorrows. The  
best things in any life are not things born  
of summer days, the things that come with-  
out cost or effort. — J. R. MILLER, D. D., in  
"The Building of Character."

### HOLDING UP HIS HANDS.

Belle V. Chisholm.

It was a weak, sickly Epworth League,  
and yet life was strong in it. All that  
it needed was to have this latent heat fanned  
into a fire which would give out light and  
warmth. There was really no excuse for  
the lack of enthusiasm in a League that  
carried forty names on its roll and had cele-  
brated its fifth anniversary. Delegates to  
the annual conventions had always brought  
back glowing accounts of the work in the  
outside world, too, and yet the Briarsville  
League slept on, secure in having a name to  
live even while it exhibited very few signs  
of genuine life. Of course it had its regular  
meetings every Sunday night, because the  
members would not attend on any other  
night of the week, and they all wanted  
somewhere to go on Sunday evening. The  
League meeting, they said, was so much  
shorter and less prosy than the regular  
preaching service, and, I am sorry to say,  
very few of the young people were in the  
habit of remaining for the sermon that fol-  
lowed.

"I do wish I could depend on my young  
people for the help they could give me if  
they were only willing," said Pastor Arnot,  
as he walked home by the side of Lottie  
Morse one rainy Sunday evening.

"We have our League," answered Lottie,  
timidly; for, from her pastor's voice, she  
felt quite sure that he was not satisfied with  
the efforts they were making, and she was  
one of the Lookout Committee.

"Somehow my expectations have never  
been realized in the League," replied Dr.  
Arnot in a hesitating voice. "I do not  
want to find fault with my young people,  
and would be very sorry to discourage them,  
but I must admit that they are not holding  
up my hands as I had hoped they would."

"What is the matter with us, Doctor?"  
asked Lottie. She had just returned from a  
visit to the city where she had attended a  
wide-awake, enthusiastic League, and she  
really longed to communicate some of the  
inspiration she had carried home to the  
organization that seemed to be as devoid of  
heart as a machine.

"We lack spirituality," returned the Doc-  
tor, bravely. "I say we, for notwithstanding  
my gray hairs I am one of you, and I  
realize fully that there is something wrong  
with the pastor when there is a lack of en-

thusiasm in the congregation. We do not  
put heart enough into the work."

"What can be done to rouse a deeper in-  
terest among our members?" inquired  
Lottie. "I realize the lifeless condition of  
our society, and yet am powerless to suggest  
a remedy."

"Prayer is a great antidote for spiritual  
coma, but prayer alone cannot accomplish  
the result sought. We must help God an-  
swer our prayers by trying to live up  
to our petitions, so far, at least, as is in  
our power. If we are faithful in this re-  
spect, God will do the rest. There is one  
means of grace which is very much neg-  
lected among God's people, and that is the  
study of His Word. And just here, perhaps  
more than any other place, you will find  
your society wanting. The Bible is too  
much neglected among its members."

"I don't know," answered Lottie,  
thoughtfully. "Every one who signs the  
pledge obligates himself to read a portion  
of Scripture every day."

"Yes, I know, but, Lottie, you are aware  
that there is a great difference between  
glancing over a few verses, perhaps care-  
lessly, merely to redeem a pledge, and a  
thoughtful, conscientious study of a portion  
from God's Word," urged Dr. Arnot.

"Yes, I understand that fully," returned  
Lottie, gravely, thinking of the times out  
of number her own Bible lesson had con-  
sisted of a single verse snatched hastily  
from its open page and forgotten as soon as  
read. "I am sure it would be better if we  
would follow the daily readings recom-  
mended by the League committee."

"And take time to study and pray over  
the selection," added the Doctor. "Another  
excellent plan would be for the League to  
organize a Bible Reading Circle, and study  
the Scriptures systematically just as other  
works are studied."

"You mean outside of the Sunday-school  
lesson?" queried Lottie.

"Yes; let the Circle meet once a week  
and devote the evening to the study of the  
lesson selected," was the answer. "Now,  
at the beginning of the new school year,  
would be a good time to carry this sugges-  
tion into effect."

"So many of our evenings are already  
occupied that I am afraid the young people  
will object," urged Lottie. "There are the  
Shakespeare Club, the Literary Circle, and  
so many other outside engagements be-  
sides."

"It would be a pity to intrude upon either  
of the organizations mentioned, were not  
the study of the Scriptures so much more  
important; but without crowding out any-  
thing really useful, could you not manage  
to give one evening to the study of the life  
of Him who gave even Himself for you? Is  
there any study more important or more  
elevating than this? Think the matter  
over prayerfully and carefully before decid-  
ing against it," urged the anxious pastor,  
as Lottie turned in at her father's gate.

She promised she would, and she did, and  
the result was that the old pastor's sugges-  
tion, with many improvements, was fully  
carried out.

The Circle course selected for the winter  
embraced Matthew, Acts, Romans, the  
minor Epistles, Hebrews and Revelation.  
Each member agreed to read during the  
week a portion of Scripture assigned, bear-  
ing upon the lesson of the week, and also  
some commentary or treatise upon the same.  
At the regular meeting, besides reading the  
chapters comprising the lesson and compar-  
ing notes, a list of suggestive questions on  
the succeeding lesson was read, and at  
least one of these questions was assigned  
to each member of the Circle as a topic to  
be specially looked into before the next  
meeting.

The Circle began with about twenty mem-  
bers, but before the holidays it had increased  
to double that number; and notwithstanding  
the large membership, the interest  
continued to increase, every one attending  
faithfully to the end of the course and each  
taking without murmuring the part assigned.  
Dr. Arnot, though only an honorary mem-  
ber, met with them frequently and often  
gave them brief talks on the subject under  
consideration. There was soon a marked  
improvement in the League, not only in at-  
tendance, but in the zeal and enthusiasm of  
the members, and the next time the pastor  
spoke to Lottie about his young people, it  
was to express his gratitude at the way they  
were now holding up his hands.

"Ah! He exclaimed, 'there is nothing  
like the Word of God to teach men and  
women their duty, nothing like His Spirit  
shining on the sacred page to kindle the  
fire of love in hearts out of which Christ  
has long been crowded.'"

This Bible Reading Circle is just starting

on a new year now, with studies outlined  
for the season in the Pentateuch and the  
prophetic books; and as the Scriptural study  
has proved the spiritual life of the young  
people, the pastor has organized a sim-  
ilar class for the older members of his flock,  
and they have already entered enthusias-  
tically upon the study of the creation, to  
be followed later by the life and sayings of  
the Saviour.

New Concord, Ohio.

### BEN'S ROOM.

"WHAT a hideous green you are putting  
in that tidy," said Belle to her "very  
best friend," as they sat talking over their fancy  
work.

"I know it," said Kate, good-humoredly.  
"You see I bought it one night, and began to  
work on it by lamplight, and thought it looked  
pretty well. But some colors are so changeable;  
it looks frightful by daylight. I only know one  
thing I can do with it—I'll give it to Ben."

"Why—will he like it?"  
"Oh, I don't know; I guess so. It'll help him  
make out for Christmas, and do well enough for  
his room. We stuff everything there." And  
Kate gave a short little laugh.

"Why," said the girl, and her fingers stopped  
in their busy motion, "I'd just as soon think  
of putting anything ugly into the parlor as into  
brother Frank's room; he is so choice of it."

"Oh, well, boys are different," stammered Kate.  
"You must all do something to try to keep  
Ben at home these evenings," said her father  
one day. "I don't like the way he is spending  
his time."

And Kate, as she heard the words, wondered  
what she could do.

That afternoon there was a great overhauling  
of furniture upstairs, and by supper time quite  
a transformation had taken place in Ben's room.  
There were pretty, bright chromes and one or  
two choice engravings on the wall hitherto  
bare; dainty white mats on the bureau, fresh  
muslin curtains draped back from the window,  
and everything as inviting as thoughtful hands  
could make it.

"Now," she said, "I wonder if he'll notice it."

"Have you a headache, Ben?" she asked, as  
she passed his door that evening and saw him  
sitting with his head bowed upon his hands.

"O no," he answered, "only thinking of go-  
ing down town, but it looks so pleasant and  
homelike up here, I guess I'll stay."

And he did stay; it wasn't the last time,  
either. By-and-by he began to invite some of  
"the fellows" to come and see him at the  
house, and with great satisfaction would ask  
them to "step up" to his room. Was it strange  
that from these little gatherings more than one  
went away feeling that it was a grand good  
thing to have a home, and be worthy of it?—  
Philadelphia Call.

### TRAGEDY OF TWO LIVES.

THE life of Farmer Millsap's wife was over.  
Like a head of wheat fully ripe, she was  
about to be gathered in by the grim harvester.

"Obadiah," she said in a feeble voice, as the  
end drew near peacefully and painlessly, "you  
have been a good husband to me."

"I have tried to be, Lucindy," replied Farmer  
Millsap.

"You have laid yourself out to make things  
easy and comfortable-like for me."

"I have always tried to do my sheer, Lucin-  
dy."

"Obadiah," she went on, "we've lived to-  
gether fifty-five years, hain't we?"

"We have."

"And ever since we were married you've eat  
all the bread crusts, hain't you?"

"I won't deny it, Lucindy, I have."

"You've eat the crusts for fifty-five years so's  
I wouldn't have to eat them, hain't you, Ob-  
diah?"

"I don't deny it, Lucindy."

"Obadiah," said Farmer Millsap's wife, after  
a pause, "it was very kind of you. And now  
you won't mind my telling you one thing, will  
you?"

"No; what is it, Lucindy?"

"Obadiah," and there was a world of self-ab-  
negation in her voice. "I always was fond of  
crusts." — Chicago Tribune.

### ONE TOUCH OF MOTHERHOOD.

A LADY in waiting to the Princess of  
Wales told a friend the following touch-  
ing little incident, which took place soon after  
the death of her son, the Duke of Clarence:—

The Princess, with her usual gentle reticence,  
tried to hide the grief for her first-born. It was  
shown only in her falling health and increased  
tender consideration for all around her. One  
day, while walking with one of her ladies in the  
quiet lanes near Sandringham, she met an old  
woman weeping bitterly and tottering under a  
load of packages. On inquiry, it appeared that  
she was a carrier, and made her living by shop-  
ping and doing errands in the market town for  
the country people.

"But the weight is too heavy at your age,"  
said the Princess.

"Yes, You're right, ma'am. I'll have to  
give it up, and if I give it up I'll starve. Jack  
carried them for me—my boy—ma'am."

"And where is he now?"

"Jack! He's dead! Oh, he's dead!" the old  
woman cried wildly.

The Princess, without a word, hurried on,  
drawing her veil over her face to hide her tears.  
A few days later a neat little cart with a stout  
donkey were brought to the old carrier's door.  
She now travels with them to and fro, making  
a comfortable living, and has never been told  
the rank of the friend who has tried to make  
her life easier for the sake of her dead boy.



## THE FALLEN PINE-CONE.

I lift thee thus, thou brown and rugged cone,  
Well poised and high,  
Between the flowering grasses and the sky;  
And, as sea-voices dwell  
In the fine chambers of the ocean-shell,  
So Fancy's ear  
Within thy numberless, dim complexities  
Hath seemed oftentimes to hear  
The imprisoned spirits of all winds that blow—  
Winds of late autumn that lamenting moan  
Across the wild sea-surges' ebb and flow;  
Storm-winds of winter mellowed to a sigh,  
Long-drawn and plaintive; or—how finger-  
lingly!—  
Soft echoes of the springtide's jocund breeze,  
Blent with the summer south wind, murmur-  
ing low.

—Paul H. Hayne.

## League Prayer-meeting Topics

November.

Rev. Matthias S. Kaufman, A. M.

November 4—"The Two Sacraments." Rom. 6: 3-5; 1 Cor. 1: 14-17; 11: 25-29, 33, 34; Gal. 3: 27.

The Romanists enumerate seven of their observances as sacraments. One of these is the marriage ceremony. But Protestants consider only the two instituted by Christ Himself, and observed as such by the earliest members of the Christian Church.

1. *Baptism.* This is an initiatory rite, used for inducting candidates into the visible church when applied to adults. It is the outward expression of an inward work of grace. True religion begins with the inner man of the heart, and from the centre it works outward through the entire life. Baptism is both a human and divine recognition of this vital truth. The mere form without the substance is of no avail. How deplorable that some should conclude they are saved simply because they have been baptized! We must distinguish between the visible expression and the reality signified. Ever bear in mind that baptism with water is only the sign. Its value depends upon the genuineness of the invisible work within. Paul gave it this secondary place when he declared: "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach." Infants, being already in the kingdom of grace, have a right to this symbol. "Forbid them not" this ordinance.

2. *The Lord's Supper.* This is a sacrament which recognizes Christ's merit in meeting the claims of justice against us and canceling the debt of those who believe in Him. The father of a large family once kept a canceled bond among his treasures to show to his children occasionally. By that piece of paper marked "paid," he reminded them that through much sacrifice he had given them their delightful surroundings. So in the communion service our Saviour's children look with sincere gratitude upon the bond. Observe,—

1. *The time.* It was on that dark and dismal night of our Saviour's betrayal.
2. *The place.* Not in some costly temple with its elaborate draperies and gorgeous decorations, but in a little upper room of a dwelling-house on Mt. Zion.
3. *The purpose.* It was a memorial, intended to keep fresh in Christian minds all that was most deeply significant in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. The marvelous events of the crucifixion, the silent hours in the tomb, and the glorious breaking of its bars, are grandly emphasized in this service. Who shall sound for us its abysmal meaning?

## MEDITATIONS.

1. Christ said, "This is My body," as He passed the bread. How in keeping is this with common language! How often do we call the sign by the name of the object itself. I look upon a fine portrait and say, "This is my father"—thereby receiving a peculiar sense of the living reality.
2. At a communion service Father Taylor once concealed the cup under his coat, saying, "I have here a present from Jesus to you," bursting into tears as he pronounced that precious name. Drawing it forth, he presented it to a humble communicant, saying, "He has sent it to you with this message: 'Drink of this in memory of Me.'"
3. At one time Cleopatra dropped into a cup a jewel equal to the value of a kingdom. When we take the cup enriched by the inestimable blood of redemption, we hold that which is above the price of all kingdoms. How faintly do we understand this! How feeble our conception of its magnitude! Oh, that we would rid ourselves more and more of the sordid, that spiritual truths might gain a deeper, stronger hold!

November 11—"The Holy Spirit." Rom. 8: 1-4, 23, 26, 27; 15: 13; 1 Cor. 12: 1-27; Gal. 3: 14; 4: 5-7; 5: 22-28.

"When first the Spirit left the throne,  
He took the semblance of a dove;  
A symbol chosen to make known  
His peace and purity and love.

"When next, at Pentecost, He came,  
He stood confessed to mortal sight  
Within the cloven tongue of flame,  
The type of freedom, guidance, right."

## Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is one with the Father and Son. Explain this? No. The trine God is beyond human

apprehension. This is a fact of revelation to be accepted, not a theory to be analyzed. Lesser mysteries may be solved, but before this one we stagger.

## What is His mission?

To shed the Christ-love abroad in human hearts. Beautiful work! Can this be generally understood? Not at all, save as it is experienced. You cannot describe sweetness to a child, but give him a dish of honey, and he soon knows what sweetness means. Try to tell a dweller on the plain about the grandeur of the cloud-piercing Alps, and you make only a faint impression; but take him through those snow-crowned monarchs glistening with a million gems, and he will no longer be a stranger to the sublime in nature.

## What is the Spirit's method?

Quiet and uniform. If not obstructed, He glides into the heart as imperceptibly as the dew distills on the leaf. You very soon perceive His presence, however, by the refreshing and invigorating result.

## Does He affect all hearts alike?

No. This varies with the moral soil. To the guilty He brings conviction; to the ignorant, illumination; to the penitent, peace; to the weak, strength; and to the sincerely obedient, holiness.

## Is His work permanent?

Not certainly is wherever there is willingness to have it so. How indelibly will He impress the Christ-image if only we will hold still and allow it to be done! Daguerre worked a long time over his sun-pictures before he could fix them. The light did its work perfectly, but as soon as the tablet was removed from the camera the image disappeared. Finally he discovered the chemical agent which converted the evanescent into the permanent. In like manner will the Divine Spirit enable us to hold the fugitive impressions of truth.

## EMBLEMS.

- A dove—gentle and wooing.
- A voice—warning and teaching.
- A seal—authenticating.
- Water—refreshing and fertilizing the spiritual desert.
- Fire—searching, consuming dross, purifying the gold.
- Oil—healing and anointing.
- Wind—powerful in sweep and life-sustaining.
- Holy Spirit,—
- "Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And Thee—of both, to be but One;  
That through the ages all along  
Thy praise shall be our endless song!"

November 18—"Sin and Atonement." Rom. 6: 23; 11: 32; 2 Cor. 5: 21; 9: 15; Gal. 3: 10, 11, 25-29.

## Speaking of Eve, Milton says,—

"Her rash hand in an evil hour  
Forth reaching to the fruit she pluck'd, she eat.  
Earth felt the wound and nature from her seat  
Sighing through all her works gave signs of woe,  
That all was lost.

And now without redemption all mankind  
Must have been lost, adjudged to death and hell,  
By doom severe."

## Shakespeare says,—

"Why, all the souls that were, were forfeit once,  
And He that might the vantage best have took  
Found out the remedy."

Sin was an awful fact. The Atonement was a remedy most effective. That the incarnation and death of God's own Son was indispensable, may be inferred from the rational assumption that a Being of infinite love and wisdom would not have subjected Himself to such humiliation and agony had it not been necessary. Behold the type of vicarious sacrifice in nature! The life of one order is sustained by the death of another order. Man's physical existence is supported by the death of beast and fowl. Look even higher and see how the masses of mankind procure much of their living as well as happiness through the sacrifices of their fellow-men. Behold this law in the family. How the mother toils and surrenders her life upon the sacred hearthstones that her family may enjoy the rich blessings secured by her unselfish devotion. It is apparent, also, in the State. Great public improvements such as railroads often require the destruction of much-prized private property. And in time of war note how great armies are sacrificed for the nation's weal. The same law obtains in the spiritual realm. The Mediator between God and man offered Himself a sacrifice for the world. Thus He redeemed man from the curse of the law by becoming in some sense a curse for Him. Marvelous redemption! Surely none but God could have conceived such a plan—none but God would have made such an atonement.

1. Sin is universal. It abounds on every hand. It tends to adulterate everything that is genuine. It strives to cripple the tongue, dwarf the will, poison the heart. Everywhere it is in direct antagonism to God. It is the one horri-

ble thing that God hates, and hence His followers must loathe and antagonize it everywhere.

2. The Atonement is as wide in its efficacy as the slightest taint of sin. It reveals the grace of God in giving Christ to offer Himself in vicarious sacrifice, and becomes effectual when man voluntarily accepts of its benefits through personal faith.

## OLYMPIANS.

1. A terrible scourge at Marseilles carried away thousands of lives. The physicians, being unable to cope with it, met for consultation. They decided that the only way to understand the nature of the disease was to dissect one of the victims. Quiet reigned. They well knew that whoever dissected a diseased body would thereby lose his own life. Soon, however, Dr. Guyon stepped forward and said, "I will do the work." Next morning he made his will and prepared for death. He entered the dissecting-room and did as he agreed. In twelve hours he died, but he left behind him such observations as enabled his associates to stay the plague. That disease was dreadful beyond description, but how insignificant as compared with the curse of sin! For this world-wide curse the infinite Christ was sacrificed.

2. A farmer who had a sick family to care for was drafted during the war. A neighbor seeing the situation offered to go in his stead. At the battle of Chickamauga this substitute was wounded, taken to the hospital and died. Ever afterward the saved farmer visited his grave yearly with overflowing gratitude. On the headstone he carved, "He died for me." Can you realize that the Saviour was your substitute? Everywhere you go and in everything you do are you gratefully mindful that—"He died for me?"

3. Neither art nor science has found any way to change crimson to white. But the atoning blood of Christ can change scarlet sins to snowlike purity. May its power be fully applied to all our hearts!

November 25—"Conversion and Converts." Rom. 10: 8-13; 1 Cor. 2: 9-13; 2 Cor. 5: 14-21; Gal. 1: 11-16; 3: 6-14.

By conversion we understand a radical change of heart. We use the term interchangeably with justification, regeneration, and the new birth. Converts are those who have met with this all-essential change.

1. The instrumentality of conversion is divine truth, usually brought to bear upon mind, conscience and heart through the preaching of the Gospel, Sunday-school instruction, family worship, and the steady influence of earnest Christian lives.
  2. The agent is invariably the Holy Spirit. If your heart has been changed from indifference toward Christ to actual love for Him, rest assured that God's Spirit has wrought that change.
  3. The process is this: The Holy Spirit produces (1) a sense of guilt; (2) genuine sorrow for sin, shown in forsaking it; (3) faith in Christ as Saviour; (4) consciousness of pardon; and (5) a new life of Christ in the soul. This is Christian experience, the privilege of every child of God, and valuable beyond expression.
- Converts should abide with Christ and in Christ. Thus they will catch His Spirit and reveal it to others. Constant communion with Him will transform the soul into His image and likeness. Being faithfully obedient to their chosen and much-loved Master, they cannot fail to grow up into Him in pure, sweet, holy living. His service will be a delight. With Him they will become co-laborers in saving men and so renovating the earth that it will be a thousandfold more lovely than the old Paradise regained.

## FOUNDATION-STONES.

1. Conversion is no repairing of an old building. It is tearing down the old and putting up a new one with Christ—not self—for its corner-stone. It is a new creation.
  2. Ovid sang of marvelous transformations. But what were these fancies of his mind compared with the magnificent changes wrought by the Holy Spirit in human souls? What a difference between being "dead in trespasses and in sin" and "alive unto God!" Were the Almighty to suddenly stay Niagara in its tremendous leap, that would be a feeble demonstration compared with the finer power necessary to check a human will in its downward course and start the soul on its upward career to eternal heights of purity.
  3. Prayer is one of the foundation-stones. It is an essential support of Christian character. Both in securing forgiveness and keeping the convert in the right path, it is of paramount importance. A Spanish painter, in a large painting of Stephen being led to execution, has represented Saul as walking by his side in melancholy sadness. He would convey the impression that Saul consents to this death only from a sincere, though mistaken, sense of duty. He has made his countenance to contrast greatly with the ire of the baffled Jewish doctors and the ferocity of the crowd, eager only for bloodshed. In throwing upon the persecutor's countenance the shadow of coming repentance, the painter evinced the artistic genius, though perchance historically inaccurate. The spectacle of one so baptized and permeated with the Christ-spirit as Stephen was could not fail to affect favorably a mind like Saul's. May we not agree with Augustine that "The church owes Paul to the prayer of Stephen?"
- Pray often! Pray much! Live in an atmosphere of prayer!

—He: "It is endurance, the staying quality, that makes men strong." She (with a glance at the clock): "You must be a Hercules." —Harper's *Basar*.

—Tommy: "There's a girl at our school, mamma, they call 'Postscript.' Do you know why?" Mamma: "No, dear." Tommy: "Because her name is Adeline Moore."

—While the Union troops were marching through a Maryland town during Lee's invasion, some of the stragglers broke into a bakery; and, as one of them issued forth, bearing a loaf of bread on his bayonet, an Irish soldier cried out, "Liftinint! Liftinint! he jabers, there goes a man wid the staff of life on the point of death."

## Little Folks.

## AUTUMN FASHIONS.

The Maple owned that she was tired  
Of always wearing green;  
She knew that she had grown, of late,  
Too shabby to be seen!

The Oak and Beech and Chestnut then  
Deplored their shabbiness,  
And all, except the Hemlock sad,  
Were wild to change their dress.

"For fashion-plates we'll take the flowers,"  
The rustling Maple said,  
"And like the tulip I'll be clothed  
In splendid gold and red!"

"The cheerful sunflower suits me best,"  
The lightsome Beech replied;  
"The marigold my choice shall be."  
The Chestnut spoke with pride.

The sturdy Oak took time to think—  
"I hate such glaring hues;  
The gillyflower, so dark and rich,  
For my model choose."

So every tree in all the grove,  
Except the hemlock sad,  
According to its wish ere long  
In brilliant dress was clad.

And here they stand through all the soft  
And bright October days;  
They wished to be like flowers—indeed,  
They look like huge bouquets!

—Edith M. Thomas.

## SOMETHING GOT AWAKE.

Rev. J. F. Cowan.

LITTLE Ted was marching down the garden walk with a lusty tramp, tramp, tramp, which looked very much as though he was in earnest about something and didn't care for a few specks of dust upon his shoes. In his hand he held a stick with a strong grip upon it which, if it had been a living thing, I am sure would have made it cry out, "Oh, Master Ted, please don't pinch me so hard!"

But the stick didn't cry out, nor tell any stories, either, out of school, as to where Master Ted was going or what his purpose was. His own face did, though; at least, any one who looked at it might have read that he was thinking about something ugly.

Before and all around him stretched long borders and neatly-kept squares and circular and star-shaped beds of flowers, but Ted was facing toward one particular bed which was the especial property of his sister Annie.

"Ted will smash 'em all down," he muttered to himself as he went along, his little eyes almost snapping sparks of fire and his small fingers clenching the stick still tighter. "She needn't have stepped on Ted's bed and broke down his pretty flowers. Ted will break hers and make her mad."

And with this muttered threat his feet turned aside from the beaten path and tramped, tramped, tramped, down a side course toward the poor, beleaguered little flower-bed. He had almost reached it, and the stick was raised partly over his head, ready, after he had taken a step or two more, to fall upon the object of his destruction, when suddenly something got awake inside of Ted's bosom, under his gingham apron. A voice which he had never heard before, or at least never so distinctly as now, seemed to speak to him, saying, "Ted mustn't; it's naughty. Annie didn't mean to. Be a good boy and forgive her."

He halted just where he was, but he was not yet ready to give up. Again the little fingers might have been seen renewing their tight grip upon the stick, and again the flush of anger came back upon the little face, and the threatening movement of the instrument of destruction which was held over the heads of the flowers was renewed, when the thing within him which had so suddenly waked up, showed itself more wide-awake than ever.

"No, no!" it seemed to say to him. "Don't! It will be very wrong. Mamma will look sad. You'll feel mean when you say your prayer tonight, and Annie will break her heart crying."

The next moment the stick dropped to the ground, and, with a quick, retreating movement, two little feet sped back over the garden walk and never paused until they stood by mamma's side in the kitchen.

"Why, Ted!" she exclaimed in surprise. "Where have you been, and what's the matter with my little boy?"

"Been in the garden," said Ted, promptly, "to smash Annie's flowers."

"Oh, Ted!" said her reproving voice. "You didn't?"

"No, mamma, I was going to, but I didn't. Something got awake in me, and wouldn't let me, so I ran back to you, and now I can say my prayers tonight and not feel mean about it."

Then mamma began to understand that her little boy, for the first time consciously perhaps, had encountered and overcome the great enemy of every human soul—temptation.

Do you know what got awake within him? Can you remember, as you read this, the first time it got awake in you? And did you treat it as Ted did? I hope so.

Pittsburg, Pa.



## Editorial.

## YOUTH AND THE PAST.

YOUTH'S past is so brief—what wonder it is overshadowed and swallowed up by the thought of the future? And yet that brief past has an almost incalculable significance. Every hour which has passed into life is of deeper meaning and greater import than a year which has not been lived. Youth's past is that which makes youth's present; and youth is the formative period of life.

Every man and woman is largely what the habits, the tendencies, the employments, the mental and moral bent of youth, have made them. Oh, if we could only comprehend the significance of this truth before it is too late! Childhood, youth, make the mold of life; manhood and womanhood simply pour the metal into it. The habit formed while the mind is plastic and receptive is the habit which clings. And all along, from childhood up, youth is making life-molds, establishing habits, determining character. What a texture of fate the past, even of a young man or a young woman, has become! Yesterday's childish habit, the confirmed practice of today; yesterday's humored whim, now the tyrant demand of nature; yesterday's indulgence, today's moral bondage; yesterday's privilege, the inexorable law of life.

Youth's past is infinitely more significant, so far as the shaping of life is concerned, than its future. And the character of that past is being daily determined and confirmed. Tomorrow, what we are doing and thinking now will belong to our past; it will have entered into the sum total of that force which is either lifting us upward or dragging us downward. We are making this all-determining past every hour. Amid the glamour of its future, may youth not forget that today is putting its stamp upon destiny!

## OUR MISSION IN BULGARIA.

THOUGH we dislike to criticize the methods and work of the Methodist Missionary Society, most of which have been wise and successful, we ventured the other day to make some strictures on our Italian Mission, and here add a few words on Bulgaria, accounted, next to Liberia, our most unsuccessful mission. In our foreign evangelization, as in the nursery, the pruning-knife is as indispensable as the fertilizer; the dead wood needs to be cut away in order to afford room for the living branches. We have been long digging about and fertilizing this Bulgarian tree, waiting to find fruit thereon, without being able to detect even a growth of leaves. The bud of promise has swelled as successive springs have come, but without ever producing either fruit or foliage. The tree itself is dead at the roots and needs to be hewn down. The mission has been continued for many years with absolutely no favorable results. The man in business with so poor a showing, after prolonged trial, would be quite ready to say it was time to balance the books and wind up the concern. We hardly see how the church can afford, any more than a business man, to continue enterprises for the success of which there is absolutely no hope. Certainly, from this Bulgarian enterprise the element of hope long since vanished.

We make no criticism as to the propriety of founding the mission, or of continuing long enough to afford time for a reasonable trial. We make no criticism as to the management or labor in the field. We have not the facts needful to pronounce in this matter. Even if everything in the Society and the mission-field has been done well, the meagre results show that it is time to close up. Look at the main and stupendous facts: This mission was founded in 1837—that is, thirty-seven years ago. Wesley Prettyman and Albert L. Long, the first missionaries, began with great courage and hope. Successors to these original men have continued in the field to this day. Indisputably much faithful work has been done, at an expense to the missionary treasury of from \$10,000 to \$22,000 a year, until more than half a million of good American money has been expended, with a very small showing of results. If we consider the length of time that has elapsed, the labor performed, and the money paid out, we have reason to expect a fair return; but in our expectations we are disappointed. The most that has been put into the mission has sunk out of sight in this moral morass. We hardly dare to look at the figures, but we must do so

in order to ascertain the real state of the case.

The last annual report gives fifteen stations, 150 members and 50 probationers, and church property valued at \$9,125. Of these 200 members, 60 are at Siatov, where we have what is called a "Scientific and Theological School," with forty pupils, "supported largely at the expense of the mission." This membership of fifty is composed largely of students, the families of the teachers, and steward. At Loftcha the church has 19 members, and here again is a school with 33 pupils besides twenty day scholars, so that it is easy to see that most of the membership is connected with the school. If we examine closely the facts given in the report, we shall see that a large part of the membership is found in the families of the missionaries and teachers and in the students at our schools. There are sixteen preachers; and, allowing three members in each family, we should have forty-eight of the two hundred. There are fifteen teachers, which would easily give thirty more members. There are several colporteurs, which would make another addition to the list. We are credibly informed that, besides beneficiaries of the mission, there are not a dozen members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bulgaria. If this be true, the closing up of the mission would take nearly all we have there away. So far from living off the country, this mission has proved a resource to many people in the country.

But it must not be forgotten that grave obstacles have, from the first, been in the way of the success of this mission. Bulgaria is a great political storm-centre. Lying between Russia and Turkey, it is the scene of intrigues and political pressure from either side. The whole people stand on guard against foreign agents and are extremely jealous of any interference in their affairs. The missionaries met this feeling at once. They were denounced from the pulpits as well as bitterly attacked in slanderous pamphlets. At one time this opposition became so intense and widespread that the mission was actually closed; and soon after a reopening, war broke out, when all had to leave. After the mission was resumed in 1873, the work was carried on with great difficulty. In 1882 it was agreed by common consent to close finally if no better results were attained at the end of five years. The five-year period has been passed, and the mission continues in existence with a showing less favorable than several years ago.

Now our contention is in favor of closing the mission. Can we afford to spend any more money on it? Especially can we ill afford to waste money on such an enterprise when the hard times make a pressure on the missionary treasury. Twenty thousand dollars saved from that Serboman Bog will be as good as the same amount collected from the churches. How can the Missionary Committee give good account to the churches in voting any more money to Bulgaria? Let the members of the Committee stand perpendicular and utter one decisive "no." If we had not given the field sufficient trial, there might be sense in the delay; but we have waited long, and patiently toiled on with hope, only to be disappointed. If there were hope of a change in the conditions of the field, we might continue; but there is no reasonable ground for such hope. Bulgaria is still a storm-centre; the people look for the breaking of the cloud any day. The fact that the country is between the upper and nether millstones affects the temper and conduct of the whole people. Experience, and a good deal of it, shows that we have little reason to expect a good harvest on a field where the crop has failed thirty-seven years in succession. No; let us call off the reapers, and expend our strength on more hopeful fields.

## CURRENT THOUGHT FOR OCTOBER.

OCTOBER literature is rich in "solid" books. It is seldom that so many really valuable and important books come to the reviewer's table in a bunch. For instance, the pile of Novels, this month, only slightly overtops the pile of Biography alone; and piling Essays on Biography, leaves Fiction decidedly in the shadow. This shows a healthful taste on the part of the reading public, for which all lovers of the best literature should be grateful.

It is with sincere pleasure that we turn first to that most helpful class of literature, which has so steadily increased in popularity during the past few years, viz.,

## Biography.

Thousands will rejoice to know that that true friend and helper of her sex, Miss Frances Power Cobbe, has given to the world the story of her own life. It is the story of an extreme radical, of course, and a reformer of the reformers, but a strong, substantial, helpful life never-

theless. Miss Cobbe is one of the leaders in the movement which is said to have "emancipated" women. She has certainly done much to aid her sex in asserting its power, as well as its prerogatives (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.).

A. C. McClurg & Co. are doing a good thing for comparative literature by publishing a series of biographies of great French writers. The latest in this series is M. Arède Barine's biography of St. Pierre, with an introduction by that prince of modern English literary critics, Augustin Birrell.

A quaint and very interesting little book is "The Diary of Anna Green Winslow," edited by Mrs. Alice Morse Earle, and published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. It is the veritable diary of a little old-time girl who was at school in Boston in 1771. Her impressions of old New England life are childishly clever and amusing.

A perennial interest clings to the names of those women who have devoted their lives to serving the great masters of literature. Who would not like to know more of Milton's daughters and of Mary Lamb? To this worthy sentiment Mr. Edmund Lee's biography of Dorothy Wordsworth directly appeals. It is a sympathetic presentation of the life of the great poet's devoted—perhaps too devoted—sister, and will doubtless appeal to the hearts of thousands who have hitherto known little of this gentle woman, save that she was the constant companion of the great Lake poet.

Another book on Shakespeare! But it is published by the Scribners, who know a good thing when they see it (and refuse to know anything else), and is written by the well-known scholar, Barrett Wendell. Therefore it will pay students of Shakespeare to read it.

"Child-life and Girlhood of Remarkable Women" is a thoroughly interesting compilation, by W. H. Davenport Adams (E. P. Dutton & Co.).

Other notable works in biography are T. Y. Crowell & Co.'s new and fine edition of Boswell's Johnson, edited by Mowbray Morris; a sketch of the life of James Henry Chapin, by George S. Wheeler, D. D. (Putnam); "Father Eells," a biographical sketch of Rev. Cushing Eells, D. D. (Congregational S. S. and Pub. Society); "Napoleon, Lover and Husband," by Frederic Masson (The Merriam Co.); "The Empress Eugenie," by Piery de Lano (Dodd, Mead & Co.); a "Dictionary of National Biography," edited by Sidney Lee (Macmillan); and Gen. James Grant Wilson's biography of Gen. Robert E. Lee, in the "Great Commanders Series" (Appleton).

## History and Travel.

Hardly less entertaining and instructive than biography are books of history and travel. There is a large assortment in this class to choose from, in the October announcements—so many new books that we can do scarcely more than mention the best. For those who wish to look back to the beginnings of history, there is Adolf Erman's "Life in Ancient Egypt," a superb volume with twelve plates and 400 smaller illustrations (Macmillan).

In the ever-increasing Napoleonic literature we have "Napoleon at Home" and "Napoleon and the Women of His Court," by Frederic Masson. The same publishers (Lippincott's) have just issued "The Marquis de La Fayette in the War of the Revolution," by Charlemagne Tower, Jr., and "Colonial Days and Dames," works of especial interest to students of American history.

Lafcadio Hearn, who has been spending the past four years among the Japanese, has written two volumes on "Glimpses of Unfamiliar Japan," which are graphic and readable, but prejudicial and unfair. The author says of Christian missions in Japan: "Japan has nothing whatever to gain by conversion to Christianity, either morally or otherwise, but very much to lose." The statement is unfair and unfounded, and will hardly recommend the book to Christian readers (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.).

"Society in China," with less rhetoric and imagination, gives the reader a reliable view of life in the greater but less progressive empire of China. Robert K. Douglas is the author (Lippincott's).

A readable and valuable little volume is "Europe in the Nineteenth Century," by Harry Pratt Judson (Flood & Vincent).

Some very bright and charming volumes of

## Essays

have come to our desk this month. "The Birds about Us" is another of Dr. Charles Abbott's delightful out-door books (Lippincott's). "Childhood in Literature and Art" is a thoughtful and suggestive study in Mr. Horace E. Scudder's best vein (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.). The recent death of that charming interpreter of nature, Mr. Frank Bolles, will make his latest book, "From Blomidon to Smoky, and Other Papers," all the more valuable. Of a somewhat heavier character than the foregoing are: "Woman's Share in Primitive Culture," by Otis Tuft Mason (Appleton); and "The Ideal of Humanity, in Old Times and Now," by Prof. John Stuart Blackie (Revell Co.).

## Religion and Sociology.

These two departments are becoming so thoroughly "dovetailed" in these days of modern practical Christianity, that books in either class have more or less reference to the other. "Christianity in the Home" is a practical, thoughtful, helpful little book by Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler (Baker & Taylor Co.). The same publishers issue one of the best current books on missions—"The New Acts of the Apostles; or, The Marvels of Modern Missions." A biographical sketch, which is also a sermon and a political

tract, is "A Martyr of Today"—a book directed against terrorism at the polls (James H. Earle, publisher). "City Government in the United States," by Alfred R. Conkling, is a righteous and ringing protest against municipal boss and ring rule (Appletons). "The Ills of the South," by Charles H. Otken, strongly portrays the present industrial condition of the Southern States, and suggests methods for its betterment. "The Honeycombs of Life" is a volume of strongly spiritual and helpful sermons by Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D. D. (Lee & Shepard). "The Young Man Four-square," by Rev. James I. Vance, will help many a boy to develop into noble manhood (Revell Co.).

## Popular Science.

A good inductive manual for teachers, or for beginners in scientific work, is "Systematic Science Teaching," by Edward G. Howe (Appletons). "Nature Stories for Young Readers" by Florence Buss, will help the children to an intelligent knowledge of the world about them (D. C. Heath & Co.). "The Mountains of California," by John Muir, is instructive as a scientific study as well as interesting as a book of travel (The Century Co.). Those who are interested in the science of ghosts and mind-reading will find much information in Frank Podmore's "Apparitions and Thought Transference" (Scribners).

## Poetry.

A more unique and beautiful piece of book-making than "Songs from Vagabondia," by Bliss Carman and Richard Hovey, would be hard to find; and the poems are quite as charming as their dress (Copeland & Day). New books of verse by Edith Thomas and James Whitcomb Riley will be eagerly welcomed. The former sings "In Sunshine Land" (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.), and the latter of "Armazindy" (The Bowen-Merrill Co.).

## "Take Heed Lest He Fall."

THE Christian Witness, in its issue of Oct. 25, gives to the public an announcement of what it terms the "unutterable degradation" of Dr. G. D. Watson. We should much prefer to remain silent in regard to this painful fact, but feel that some response should be made to the many urgent inquiries that have come to our office. We therefore reprint from the Witness Dr. Watson's own story of shame:—

DEAR BRETHREN: After much fasting and prayer for guidance, I have decided to publish this confession:—

During the past I became the victim of an awful snare of the devil, and for lack of watchfulness and prayer, I fell into sin. Very soon after, I opened my heart to some dear spiritual friends. We wept and prayed together, and I felt then that my guilt was pardoned. Still, my sorrow of heart and anguish of mind have been unutterable. I felt it my duty to return my parchments to my presiding elder and withdraw from the M. E. Church. Much of the time every day and night for over two months, I have spent in weeping and prayer. I greatly need the compassion, love and fervent prayer of the lovers of Jesus. I thank God, that through my inexpressible agony, I have felt no murmur against His dealings and no trace of bitter feeling. If any denounce or speak bitterly of me, I have only love for them, and pray they may never have one drop of the ocean of grief through which I have passed.

With a broken heart, I lie at Jesus' bleeding feet, pleading and claiming the infallible Word in Isa. 57: 15-19.

G. D. WATSON.

Windsor, Fla., Oct. 15, 1894.

Concerning the above the Witness says:—

"It is a step of the lowest humiliation which Dr. Watson has now taken, but it is not too low to fit the terrible fall of one who has occupied the highest position accorded to mortals. We have been almost severe in our condemnation of his evil, shall we not be merciful and sympathetic in meeting the penitent? We can do no otherwise, though the whole church condemn us. But no true Christian will question the propriety and duty of treating Dr. Watson with tenderness in this hour of his utterable degradation."

We write under a mingled sense of shame, humiliation, indignation, and sorrow. The church is irreparably wounded in its own household and by one who has made the largest claims to the efficacy of the saving and keeping power of the Gospel of Christ. With such a plea for commiseration before us, we restrain, at this writing, the harsher and perhaps the juster judgment that presses for utterance. We are sorry that the confession seems so belated, and as if made only because forced to do it. It is now nearly three months since the sin was committed. We could wish, also, that the confession had been more candid and explicit. What was the "sin," and where the "fall"? Why leave the church to conjecture concerning so grave a matter? As we are credibly informed, he "fell into sin" at the Douglas Camp-meeting where he was present as a teacher of holiness; the lapse was known to many, and was kept secret as long as possible. Why has not Dr. Watson been more open-hearted with the Methodist public? In the *Michigan Christian Advocate* of Oct. 6 he had a contribution entitled "Daily Food," in which he still appeared as a special teacher upon the doctrine and experience of holiness. Surely Dr. Potts, the editor, with his rigorous sense of righteousness, could not have been advised of this man's "unutterable degradation" when he gave place to that article!

Dr. Watson and the Witness should be more frank in statement if they expect to evoke the charity, pity and forgiveness for which they plead. For years this man and the coterie with whom he has labored have claimed for themselves a monopoly of spiritual power, and have condemned without stint the large majority in the Methodist Church whom they have stoutly declared had not attained unto their plane of holy living. In such an hour as this those as-



sumptions of superior piety and impeccability cannot fail to be recalled.

One lesson we desire to enforce now—others will come later. Into the circle of these advocates of the "higher life" that practical and prophetic word of St. Paul should be thundered: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." The very best preparation for a lapse into sin is to indulge the conceit that one is clothed with immunity from sin. Here lies the harmful fallacy of teaching that by some spiritual convulsion or achievement the soul is no longer susceptible to sin. The expressions so often heard, "I am living without sin;" "I have not sinned for so many years;" and "I cannot sin because the Holy Ghost lives in me," indicate the false teaching that is prevalent, and the reason why so many of this class do fall. An overweening confidence in the ability to live without sin is a most dangerous spiritual state. The great Apostle is always our best teacher in these things. He never manifests spiritual pride. Indeed, after more than a quarter of a century of such faithful ministry for Christ as has never been paralleled, he cries out with unmistakable earnestness and pathos: "But I keep my body under, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

#### Come, Let Us Reason Together.

As is our wont, we desire to take the ministers of our patronizing Conferences into our confidence anew, and lay upon them the burden of anxiety which oppresses us. We stated last week that the financial stringency of the last two years had materially decreased the subscription lists of the Methodist weeklies. By dint of unusual effort on our part, and through the co-operation of our ministers, we have been able thus far to retain the normal circulation of ZION'S HERALD. This is a remarkable achievement, for which we are devoutly thankful. But as the business depression is still keenly felt in some of our communities, and as so many of our people are still without work, it is very doubtful if we are able to make as good a showing the present year and in the year to come as we have during the last two years. The receipts for advertising are greatly reduced. If the amount received from subscribers should be correspondingly diminished, two lamentable results would follow: 1. The Wesleyan Association would not be able to make the customary donation to the patronizing Conferences for the support of the worn-out preachers and their families. During the present editorial regime over \$3,000 has been divided each year among the six Conferences. 2. The grade of the paper would have to be lowered to correspond with the diminished receipts. If we understand the spirit and purpose of the ministers of New England, they would feel a sense of personal affliction over such results.

Come, let us reason together, therefore, that we may avert such a calamity. If every minister will recognize that this is a personal matter, that the responsibility is upon him, and will then make the extraordinary effort needed to increase our circulation, the threatened result may be avoided.

The gravity of the situation is fully understood at this office. We sound no false note of alarm. As your servants we state facts which it is your right to know. We are making unusual efforts to meet the exigency by maintaining the paper at such a high standard that it shall be easy to put it into and keep it in our Methodist homes. We are holding current expenses at the lowest figure; but we cannot edit the paper and at the same time do the work of canvassing for subscribers. The physical, mental and nervous strength of the editorial corps is already taxed to the utmost to do the work of the office. The Methodist minister is the owner and agent of the paper. If he does his work, we shall make as good a record as in the past; but he must do it, and do it now, or the superannuate, his brother, will suffer, and his own paper will depreciate in quality.

Brethren in the ministry—hear us! Two months of the regular canvassing season remain. Will you not utilize them immediately and to the end? Take care of your own. Some of you have not yet mentioned the matter to your congregations. Be entirely frank with them. Tell them of the Wesleyan Association and its great beneficence toward the superannuates, and of the present crisis. Though the times are so hard, there are people upon all our charges who are abundantly able to subscribe for the paper. Make a list of such names and confer with them personally. See that the present subscribers do not yield to the foolish impulse to commence their economy by stopping their church paper. Secure new subscribers, but take care of the old! Upon you rests the grave responsibility of the immediate future of ZION'S HERALD, and you must bear the burden!

#### Personals.

—Misses Loyd and Ayres, missionaries on leave, have returned to their work in Mexico.

—Rev. Sam P. Jones has been elected co-editor with Dr. Haynes of the *Tennessee Methodist*.

—Rev. W. S. Worden, M. D., and family, sailed from San Francisco last week on their return to Japan.

—Rev. C. H. Yatman has resigned as superintendent of the Methodist "forward movement" in New York city.

—Rev. S. H. Cummings, of the Baltimore Conference, sailed recently for Cayman Brac, an island in the Caribbean Sea, to preach.

—The death is announced of Rev. Henry Shaler, of Kemptville, Canada, the oldest minister in the Methodist Church of Canada.

—Prof. J. C. Hartsell, Jr., of Claflin University, and his wife buried their first-born, a daughter four months old, at Orangeburg, S. C., Oct. 18.

—Revs. J. M. Durrell and J. E. Robins are in Baltimore the present week, acting as official visitors of the New Hampshire Conference to the Woman's College.

—Rev. James Pike, D. D., of South Newmarket, N. H., called at this office last week. We are always delighted to meet this beloved veteran of our New Hampshire Methodism.

—Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Wentworth, of Dexter, Me., were very generously remembered by their many friends at the recent celebration of the 25th anniversary of their marriage.

—Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Church of Canada, has gone on a six weeks' trip to Manitoba and British Columbia to inspect the missions and Indian schools.

—Rev. H. A. Starks, D. D., who recently resigned the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Middletown, Conn., on account of continued ill health, will sail for Europe with his family on Oct. 30.

—While Dr. Berry was in our city attending the meeting of the Board of Control, he addressed the students at the School of Theology, Boston University, upon "The Relation of the Minister to the Epworth League."

—Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D. D., secretary of the Sunday-school Union, made a pleasant call at this office last week. Dr. Hurlbut is attending several Sunday-school conventions in our midst, and his addresses are highly appreciated.

—Mrs. Keen, secretary of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has arrived at home after a tour of the world, which lasted about sixteen months, and which afforded her unusual opportunities to study the work of our missions.

—The following party recently sailed from Vancouver on the "Empress of India" on their return to Japan: Rev. E. R. Fulkerson and family, Rev. A. M. Lumpkin of the Central Illinois Conference, Rev. F. Brown of our North China Mission, and Rev. A. Oltmans of the Dutch Reformed Church.

—The many friends of Rev. John S. Fish, a local preacher who for thirty years has supplied churches in New Bedford District, will be sorry to learn that he is seriously ill at the parsonage at South Truro, where he is serving the fifth year of a second pastorate. He suffers little pain, and is happy in the Lord, awaiting the issue of his sickness in perfect trust.

—Rev. E. F. Freese, of Bombay Conference, with his wife and daughter, sailed, Oct. 14, for Liverpool, en route for his home and work at Barad, Gujarat, India. He returned about a year ago, with Mrs. Freese and their three children, for a visit to friends in Ohio. They return to India with improved health, but sadly bereaved by the death of their two older daughters.

—Rev. Seth H. Beale, of Camden, Me., an honored superannuate of the East Maine Conference, called at this office last week. For more than fifty years Mr. Beale has given robust service to the church. He has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to visit his son, Rev. Joseph H. Beale, of the Five Points Mission, and his brother, Hon. Isaac Beale, long identified with St. John's Church, Brooklyn.

—Concerning Prof. H. G. Mitchell, of the Boston University School of Theology, Rev. W. I. Haven said in his report to the Board of Control of the Epworth League: "Dr. Mitchell is not only a great Old Testament scholar, but also a skillful and consecrated leader in work among the poor. He has led our young people of Boston in their enterprise of rescuing the lost, entering the homes of poverty, and extending a helping hand to the needy."

—The wedding of Miss Helen Maude Townsend, daughter of Rev. Dr. Luther T. Townsend, of Baltimore, and Clifford Stanley Cobb, son of Roscoe A. Cobb, of Waltham, occurred at the First Congregational Church, Watertown, Oct. 23. Rev. Charles A. Littlefield officiating. The church was decorated with masses of palms and chrysanthemums arranged in the chancel. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's father on Chestnut Street, about three hundred guests being present. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, after an extended tour, will reside on Townsend St., Waltham.

—Representative Alfred S. Roe, of Worcester, formerly principal of the High School of that city, on Oct. 19 attended the reunion of his regiment, the 9th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, for the first time since the war. The meeting was held

in Weedsport, Cayuga County, N. Y., and Mr. Roe read a paper concerning which the *Cayuga Chief*, published in Weedsport, remarks: "Then followed the address of the occasion by Comrade A. S. Roe, of Worcester, Mass. This was chiefly a description of the battle of Monocacy. It was able, often eloquent, and in every point of view deserves the highest praise. The address ought to be printed at length as a valuable contribution to history." It was voted to print the address and to empower Mr. Roe to prepare a history of the regiment—a task to which he will immediately devote himself."

—We are gratified to announce that Mrs. Dr. Daniel Dorchester has greatly improved within the last week. She is rapidly convalescing.

—Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, secretary of the World's W. C. T. U., and corresponding secretary of the National W. C. T. U., who was often fittingly characterized as "Miss Willard's right arm," died in Chicago, Oct. 25. She was universally beloved by White Ribboners, and will be deeply mourned.

—Miss Lella H. Waterhouse, of Ravenswood, Ill., completed, Oct. 15, a lecture tour through Maine, her native State, the marked success of which shows that she is not without honor in her own country. Her talks on the Chicago Congress of Religions, the Epworth League work, and other topics, are reported to be highly entertaining and instructive.

—The people of old "Exeter," Baltimore Conference, have been celebrating their ninety-third anniversary. Rev. John Lanahan, D. D., the first pastor after its separation from North Baltimore (1854), preached with eloquence and vigor at the morning service, and at night Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the Church South, delivered a powerful discourse on "Victorious Faith."

—Rev. T. B. Hughes, of Grinnell, Iowa, presiding elder of the Oskaloosa District, Iowa Conference, is visiting his son, Rev. E. H. Hughes, of Newton Centre, and preached ably for him last Sunday. He will spend the coming Sunday with his other son, Rev. Matt. S. Hughes, of Portland, Me.

—The following note is received from Rev. William Silverthorne, of Gardner, Mass., as we go to press: "Rev. George E. Chapman is so ill that it is feared he will not live long. As a member of the New England Conference he would be gratified to receive notes of comfort from his specially interested brethren."

—A happy company convened in the beautifully-decorated vestry of old Centre Church, Provincetown, on the evening of Oct. 24, to join with Rev. R. Povey and wife in the celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The King's Daughters were the prime movers in the affair. After a short entertainment, Mr. W. Tillson, principal of the grammar school, in a neat speech, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Povey, in behalf of the King's Daughters, the Ladies' Circle, the Sabbath-school, church members and friends, a very beautiful silver tea service. Mr. Povey responded in fitting words. Speeches by neighboring clergymen followed, and refreshments were served. Mr. Povey's whole family (two sons and two daughters) were present.

#### Brieflets.

The HERALD can now be secured from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, 1896—sixteen months—for one year's subscription.

A London publishing house has brought out in fine style, and illustrated, Mrs. O. W. Scott's volume entitled, "The Gilded Guards," first published by Hunt & Eaton. This is a notable compliment to the author.

The sample copy of the HERALD received by non-subscribers imposes no obligation. It is sent as a gratuity, with the request that it be critically examined, with the view to subscribing. If favorably inclined, hand your name to your minister, thereby receiving the paper at once, and pay for it any time before the next Conference.

Percy W. Bunting, one of the special editors of the *Review of the Churches*, says in the last number: "One of the principal marks of the 'Forward Movement' in Methodism is the rapid rise of sisterhoods."

The new dormitory building provided for Drew Theological Seminary by the generous beneficence of William Hoyt and Samuel W. Bowne, at an expense of \$120,000, was dedicated last week, Bishops Bowman, Foster, Hurst and Andrews participating.

We rejoice in the note of triumph thoughtfully sent to us from the General Executive meeting of the W. F. M. S. at Washington by our regular correspondent, Mrs. O. W. Scott. She says: "On Thursday morning, after the home reports of the Branch secretaries were given, it was found that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church had raised during the past year \$311,925.26—an advance over the previous year of \$34,622.72. Cheers and the doxology greeted this magnificent result."

We notice that Bishop Goodsell, at the recent session of the Central New York Conference over which he presided, reduced the number of presiding elder districts from six to five. We believe a reduction of districts should be made in many of the Conferences.

The first of the series of University sermons that are to be preached at the First Church, Temple St., will be delivered next Sunday evening at 7.30 by President B. F. Raymond, of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. This series of discourses will be of unusual interest, and should be listened to by large congregations.

The attention of our readers is particularly invited to the review which appears in this week's Book Table of the "History for Ready Reference and Topical Reading." We have not for many a day seen a work so original and exhaustive in scope and withal so valuable to the scholarly reader. We are conferring a favor upon our ministers especially by calling their attention at length to these volumes. We unhesitatingly commend the work, as also the accomplished and worthy general agent, Mr. Charles Jacobus, late principal of the High School in Springfield.

On a recent Sunday evening, while Rev. N. C. Alger, of Bourne, and his wife were at church, the parsonage was broken into and \$10 stolen, which Mr. Alger had collected for Conference claimants. The next Sunday the pastor announced the loss to the congregation. Unknown to him, Mrs. Cleveland's mother happened to be present; and the next day's mail brought the following note from President Cleveland to Mr. Alger, containing two crisp \$5 bills:—

Gray Gables, Buzzard's Bay, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR: I have heard of the loss by theft of church funds which were in your possession, and beg you to accept the enclosed to make good the loss.

Yours very truly,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Oct. 23, 1894.

"With Ex-President Pope in Canada and the States," by Rev. Thomas Hippon, on the second page, is a very timely and interesting contribution.

The new Town Hall and Alden Speare Memorial Library of Chelsea, Vt., were dedicated on Thursday, Oct. 25. The structure is a very valuable accession to the educational resources of the community. Of this building the Library is the donation of Hon. Alden Speare, of Newton Centre, and in virtue of his splendid gift of \$6,500 will be known as the "Alden Speare Memorial Library." Mr. Speare is a native of the town of Chelsea, and by his generous gift has shown that he still loves his native green hills. He was present at the dedication, and received the warmest thanks and plaudits of the citizens. The *Springfield Republican*, in connection with the report of the dedication of the building, says editorially: "Another of the 'solid men of Boston' has remembered his native town, and in giving a library building to Chelsea, Vt., Alden Speare forever links an honorable name with the place where he was born. Mr. Speare now lives in Newton Centre, the bedroom of so many of the men active in Boston's affairs, but he is a representative business man of the Hub. He has served on her school board, has been president of the Chamber of Commerce, interested in the Young Men's Christian Association, trustee and vice-president of Boston University, and in 1876 and 1877 was mayor of Newton. He is now, we believe, a special partner in the firm of Alden Speare's Sons & Co., director in many railroads and banks, and recognized in all his business relations as a strong man. It has been said that no Vermont ever loses fondness for the region of his birth, and certainly Mr. Speare has given evidence of the love which he bears for the Green Mountain State."

The *Christian Guardian*, speaking of those who are led away from the Methodist Church through the influence of the *Christian Witness*, as recently reported in our columns as taking place at Kingfield, Maine, says, with characteristic wisdom: "When people who profess to be Methodists hold some other fad or organization dearer than the church, they are not much use. The church depends for its success, not on hobbyists, but on those who are faithful to her doctrines, ordinances and institutions."

Prof. W. T. Davison, D. D., contributes an article to the Oct. 11 number of the *Methodist Times* upon "A New Church History." He is writing upon Prof. H. C. Sheldon's recent work, and says: "It is not many weeks since newspaper correspondence testified to the demand for a trustworthy and readable church history, to be undertaken by a Methodist scholar capable of being recommended to Methodist students. Such a history it is a pleasure now to introduce to Methodists. It has been published only within the last month, in five handsome volumes, by Crowell & Co., of Boston. Its author is Prof. H. C. Sheldon, of Boston University, one of the ablest representatives of Methodist scholarship and educational work in the United States. Students in this country are already acquainted with Professor Sheldon's 'History of Christian Doctrine,' a clear, well-arranged and most useful compendium on the subject of which it treats. We have little doubt that this new work will increase the author's reputation."

#### Presiding Bishops New England Conferences.

[Special Dispatch to ZION'S HERALD.]

Middletown, Conn., Oct. 20, 1894.

The following Bishops will preside at the sessions of the New England Conferences next spring:—

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N. E. Southern "	Walden
Maine "	Bowman
New Hampshire "	Merrill
Vermont "	Foss
East Maine "	Bowman



## The Sunday School.

### FOURTH QUARTER. LESSON VI.

Sunday, November 11.

Mark 3: 6-19.

Rev. W. O. Holway, U. S. N.

### THE TWELVE CHOSEN.

#### I. Preliminary.

1. Golden Text: I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit. — John 15: 16.
2. Date: A. D. 30.
3. Place: The western shore of the Sea of Galilee and the Mount of Beatitudes.
4. Parallel Narratives: Verses 6-13; Matt. 12: 14-21; verses 13-19; Matt. 10: 3-4; Luke 9: 19-17.
5. Connection: With the last lesson, immediate. After healing the multitude at the sea-shore Jesus passed the night in prayer on a neighboring summit, probably the Mount of Beatitudes. In the morning He chose the twelve, and afterwards delivered the Sermon on the Mount, which Mark does not mention.
6. Home Readings: Monday — Mark 3: 6-19. Tuesday — Luke 9: 12-17. Wednesday — John 15: 12-17. Thursday — John 15: 12-17. Friday — 1 Cor. 1: 22-31. Saturday — Deut. 7: 6-11. Sunday — John 15: 1-8.

#### II. Introductory.

Foiled in their attempt to entrap Jesus into some overt act of Sabbath desecration for which they could legally arrest Him, and maddened at their failure, the Pharisees left the synagogue where the miracle of the healing of the withered hand had been wrought, and held a consultation with the Herodians. They summoned to their aid the partisans of the tetrarch, in their desperate purpose to destroy Jesus. Aware of this conspiracy, our Lord retired with His disciples from Capernaum to the shores of the Galilean Sea, where He was immediately followed by a multitude which came not merely from the province where He had been teaching, but also from Judea and its capital, from southern Idumea, from the district of Peraea across the Jordan, and even from the heathen cities of Tyre and Sidon on the Mediterranean. So dense and oppressive was the throng, and so eager were the plague-stricken to touch even His clothes, that He was forced to betake Himself to a little boat for personal relief and to enable Him to teach. None were left uncured by Him, however — not even the demoniacs, whose involuntary confession of His Messiahship He sternly hushed.

The lesson next takes up the formal selection by our Lord of the twelve apostles. The choice was made after a night of prayer on the mountain-top, and just before the delivery of the Sermon on the Mount. The two sons of Jonas, "Simon, surnamed Peter, and Andrew, his brother," had already been twice called "before this august day," likewise the two sons of Zebedee, James and John — the one the first martyr, the other the last survivor, of the apostolic band. Philip and Nathanael (Bartholomew) had also been disciples from the first. Matthew had likewise been previously summoned from his tax-booth to personal fellowship and following with Jesus. Of the remaining five little more is known than their names — Thomas the doubter, and Judas the traitor, perhaps excepted. Says Geikie: "They were men of no high commanding power to make their names rise on all men's tongues, but they doubtless, in every case but the betrayer, did their work faithfully and effected results of permanent value in the spread of the kingdom. That we know so little of men who were such signal benefactors of the race, is only what we have to ponder in the cases of those to whom the world has owed most."

#### III. Expository.

6. The Pharisees went forth (R. V., "went out") — from the synagogue where the cure of the man having the withered hand had taken place. Straightway took counsel with the Herodians — made friends with their political and religious foes to put Jesus out of the way. The Herodians were the adherents of Herod Antipas — the court party; their aim was to secure for Herod the restoration of the whole kingdom of his father, Herod the Great, which had been divided by the Romans among tetrarchs. As Herod had silenced John, he could, of course, they thought, silence Jesus. How they might destroy him. — Nothing short of His death would satisfy them, and thus early in His mission we find this wicked purpose cherished. His miracles counted for nothing in their jealous rage against Him.

Hitherto the Pharisees had been enemies of the Herodians. They regarded them as half-apostate Jews, who accepted the Roman domination, imitated heathen practices, adopted Sadducean opinions, and had gone so far in their flattery to the reigning house that they had blasphemously tried to represent Herod the Great as the promised Messiah (Parrar). — The alliance boded the greatest danger, for it showed that, in addition to religious fanaticism, He had now to encounter the suspicion of designing political revolution. The Church and the State had banded together to put "the deceiver

of the people" out of the way as soon as possible (Geikie).

7. Jesus withdrew to the sea — left Capernaum and retired to the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He was aware of the plots of His enemies, and prudently withdrew. His mission was not yet accomplished. His hour had not yet come. A great multitude. — No fuller picture is given in the Gospels of the universality of the popular movement towards Jesus. The deeper the hatred of the leaders, the more hearty were the interest and sympathy of the people. Lange thinks that His "following" was not merely external, but moral — "the beginning of a specific discipleship, from which, indeed, most afterward receded, but from which the germ of the Galilean believers was afterwards developed." From Galilee — where He had been preaching extensively and healing. Followed him. — R. V. omits "him," and puts a colon after "followed." From Judea. — This should begin a new sentence. His fame was not confined to Galilee. It had extended south, east, west, to remote districts. He was the magnet for the people in His day, and since He has been "lifted up," all men are being drawn towards Him.

8. From Jerusalem — from the city, as well as from the province. From Idumea — Edom, the home of Esau's descendants, the mountainous region southeast of Palestine. The Herod family was Idumean. The Jews had conquered and annexed the district about B. C. 125. Beyond Jordan — Peraea (meaning "the country on the other side"), and including the district east of the Jordan, extending as far south as the Dead Sea and as far north as the Sea of Galilee. They about Tyre and Sidon (R. V. omits "they") — the well-known Phœnician cities on the shore of the Mediterranean. From Capernaum, which lay on the highway from the East, the fame of Jesus would easily spread to these maritime centres. A great multitude — "The whole world" of Palestine, as the Pharisees afterwards complained, had gone after Him. When they had heard what great things, etc. — His miracles excited their curiosity; their unselfish, compassionate character added to the attraction. The people were eager to see and hear a Being at once so powerful and beneficent.

9, 10. A small ship — R. V., "a little boat." He had healed many. — Says Morison: "The generic sameness of men's wants occasioned a somewhat corresponding sameness in the manifold ministrations of our Saviour's benevolence. Hence one of the reasons that account for the condensation of all the evangelistic narratives." They pressed upon him. — Matthew tells us that all were healed on this occasion. As many as had plagues — not a specific but a general term, including all kinds of diseases. The original means "scourges." The Jews regarded disease as God's scourge.

11. Unclean spirits — persons possessed with such, who seemingly had lost their personal identity under the vile, degrading control; demoniacs. When they saw him — R. V., "whensoever they beheld him;" on every occasion. Fell down before him — an act of homage which His Deity and holiness irresistibly compelled. Thou art the Son of God. — A compulsion was on these fallen spirits to confess the rank and sovereignty of our Lord. Some commentators think they behaved in this way to conciliate the Master, hoping thereby to retain possession of their victim, and not be sent away "into the abyss," which they especially feared.

12, 13. He straightly charged them (R. V., "he charged them much") — laid a stern injunction of silence upon them. Should not make him known. — Our Lord invariably rejected this kind of testimony. Says Whedon: "He accepted not devils for preachers." He goeth up into a mountain (R. V., "the mountain") — the Mount of the Beatitudes, probably. Tradition has singled out the square-shaped hill with two tops about three miles from the Sea of Galilee and seven from Capernaum, known as *Kurn Hattin*, or the Horns of Hattin, as this mount. It is about sixty feet high. On this summit, according to Luke, our Lord spent the night in prayer, previous to the selection of the Twelve. Called unto him whom he would (R. V., "whom he himself would") — a personal selection based on His discernment of their qualities and fitness for the apostolate. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," He afterwards said. Came (R. V., "went") unto him — left the group of disciples who had come up the mountain with the multitude to seek their Lord, and formed an inner circle, or group, near Him.

14. He ordained (R. V., "appointed") twelve — nominated them, set them apart. Five, perhaps seven, had already been chosen. That they should (R. V., "might") be with him — be under His immediate training, receive His instructions, and be witnesses of His works; giving up all secular toil. Send them forth to preach. — They were to be, not merely disciples, but teachers, or as the words "sending forth" imply, "apostles" — a term applied to them in this connection by Luke. This last title, scarcely ever used by Matthew or Mark, and not at all by John, is a favorite with Luke, who "employs it six times in his Gospel, and thirty times in the Acts."

15, 16. Power to heal sickness and to cast out devils — R. V. simply, "have authority to cast out devils." Simon he surnamed Peter — not on this occasion merely, but mentioned by Mark because it was his apostolic and best-known name.

Simon stands first in all the lists of the apostles; first to confess the Messiahship of Christ; usually first to speak both before and after the death of Christ. He

was not the first to follow Christ; Andrew and John preceded him; nor the first one called, since Philip was called long before him (John 1: 43). In all bodies of men one must be "first," although "first among equals." Peter was, therefore, personally, not officially, the first. As regards the primacy of Peter, all that can be admitted as historically proven, is a primacy of honor and influence, but without supremacy or jurisdiction. His character constituted him a leader, but he neither claimed nor possessed this position as one of office or rank (Schaff).

17. James the son of Zebedee. — "James" is the same as Jacob (supplanter). His mother's name was Salome. His home was at Bethsaida. He is commonly called "the elder," or "the Great," to distinguish him from James the son of Alphaeus. He was the first to suffer martyrdom (A. D. 44, under Herod Agrippa. Acts 12: 2). John, the brother of James — "the disciple whom Jesus loved," the author of the Gospels, three Epistles and Revelation; and the last survivor of the apostolic band. He was bishop of the churches in Asia after the fall of Jerusalem; was banished to Patmos by Domitian, A. D. 95; was recalled, A. D. 96-98; and is supposed to have died a natural death in extreme old age. Boanerges — a Greek transfer of an Aramaic word, mentioned by Mark alone; so called "from their energy of will, and quick flaming up at any opposition" (Geikie); "a simple reference to some deep-toned peculiarity of voice" (Morison).

18. Andrew (manly) — son of Jonas, brother of Peter, not especially conspicuous in the Gospel history; "said, by one legend, to have gone among the Scythians, and on this ground the Russians have made him their national saint; another assigns Greece, and afterwards Asia Minor and Thrace, as the scene of his work, and speaks of him as put to death in Achaea on a cross of the form since known by his name" (Geikie). Philip (lover of horses) — a native of Bethsaida; the first disciple; brought Nathanael to Jesus; not the same with the evangelist of this name mentioned in Acts (6: 5; 8: 5-12); according to tradition, a chariot-driver. Bartholomew (son of Tolmai) — the friend of Philip, and commonly identified with Nathanael; tradition says he was a shepherd, or gardener, by occupation. Matthew (gift of God) — the publican; formerly known as Levi; the author of the first Gospel. Thomas (twin) — "ready to die, but slow to believe; manly and full of grave tenderness; whose Hebrew name was sometimes turned into the Greek equivalent Didymus, 'the twin'; the same person (as one tradition says) as Judas, the brother of Jesus; if so, one of the household amongst whom our Saviour had grown up, redeemed the general coldness of the rest" (Geikie); claimed by the Syrian church as their founder. James the son of Alphaeus (or Cleopas, according to John) — known as "James the Less," or "Younger." His mother's name was Mary. Little besides his name is known of him. He is believed to be a different person from "James the brother of our Lord," who wrote the Epistle of James and was the bishop of Jerusalem. Thaddeus (courageous) — known also as "Lebbeus" in Matthew's list and as "Judas" in Luke's; generally believed to be the author of the Book of Jude. Simon the Canaanite (R. V., "the Canaanite") — Luke calls him "Simon Zelotes," or "the Zealot."

Morison describes the Zealots as "an extreme political party among the Jews — somewhat corresponding to the Fenians in Ireland — who were determined on no account to acquiesce in the Roman rule. They were persuaded that any public or private measure or acts, however bloody or revolutionary, which were intended and fitted, either to break down or embarrass the dominion of the Romans, or of any other heathen, within the Holy Land, were not only legitimate but meritorious. They played in subsequent times a terrible part in connection with the 'reign of terror' that preceded the destruction of Jerusalem."

19. Judas Iscariot (man of Kerioth). — Kerioth was on the southern border of Judah (Josh. 15: 25). Judas enjoyed the company of our Lord, listened to His teachings, bore the same commission and received the same (pre-Pentecostal) endowments as the other apostles, was entrusted with the funds of the itinerant band, and then basely betrayed his Lord for money. Dismayed at the submission of Jesus to death, and conscience-stricken at having shed innocent blood, he went out and hanged himself. "The choice of this man," says Schaff, "is a great mystery." They went into a house — after delivering the Sermon on the Mount, and performing sundry miracles and returning to Capernaum. The words simply mean, "they went home."

#### IV. Illustrative.

Of the twelve apostles there are four lists, the other three being found in Mark 3: 16; Luke 9: 14; and Acts 1: 13. They differ in the following particulars: Luke in the Book of Acts does not insert the name of Judas Iscariot, who was then dead; both in his Gospel and in Acts he entitles the Simon who is here and in Mark called the Canaanite, Simon Zelotes; Matthew gives as the tenth disciple Lebbeus; Mark calls him Thaddeus; Luke and Acts Judas of James — that is, either son or brother of James; and Mark says that James and John were surnamed by Christ Boanerges, that is, the sons of thunder. In other respects, the four lists are identical, except that the names are given in a slightly different order by the different writers. They all agree, however, in putting Simon Peter first and Judas Iscariot last, and all agree in arranging them in groups of four, Simon Peter being first of the first group, Philip of the second, James the son of Alphaeus of the third. There are three pairs of brothers among them, Andrew and Peter, James and John, James the Less and Judas or Thaddeus. James and John I believe to have been own cousins of our Lord (Abbott).



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## The Conferences.

### N. E. Southern Conference.

#### Norwich District.

Attawaugus, in the town of Killingly, rejoices in no-license. Last year the liquor element carried the vote by two majorities. The W. C. T. U. and the churches have made a vigorous campaign, and at the recent election secured a majority of 202 out of a total vote of 778. The pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. F. H. Spear, is meeting deserved success. He has recently baptized 11 adults by immersion, 6 of whom were Methodists and 5 Congregationalists. Seventy-five percent of the membership of the church attend the class-meeting. A ladies' prayer-meeting has been organized, which increases in interest and attendance. A branch Sunday-school has been established at Ballouville, which gives promise of permanency. A Junior League is soon to be formed. The stereopticon is beginning to be used by the pastor in League work for instruction and entertainment.

Rev. A. A. Kidder has recently, at Mystic, baptized 2 persons and received 3 to probation. At Noank 145 opera chairs have been used in re-seating the church and an Ester organ purchased. The expense of the improvements is almost wholly paid or provided for. Mr. Kidder has purchased a very desirable property which he has repaired and fitted up as a home-school for boys. It bears the name of "Epworth Hall," and will have superior facilities for the instruction and training of a dozen or more boys. A thorough preparation for college will be given. The pastorate of the two churches will be retained till the next session of the Conference when he will devote his attention more completely to educational work. The several styles of coin collectors which he has invented and copyrighted are in much demand and find favor wherever they are used.

Danielsonville is another town which stands right on the saloon question. Dr. W. H. Boole, of New York, spent the last week in September there in temperance work. The town went no-license by 202 majority.

Manchester is in the midst of a gracious revival—the most extensive in at least a quarter of a century. The earnest preaching of the pastor, Rev. J. Tregaskie, and the fervent prayers of the people, prepared the way. The Christian Crusaders were invited to assist in special services, and rendered valuable aid. Seekers of salvation presented themselves at every service for two weeks. At least one hundred persons have asked the prayers of God's people. Many of them were attendants at other churches. Oct. 7, sixty-three persons took part in the love-feast. The same day 9 were baptized, and 39 were admitted to probation. Dr. F. P. Tower, president of Wesleyan College, Helena, Montana, preached Sunday, Oct. 14, two sermons of remarkable interest. Herbert Tregaskie, the son of the pastor, is suffering from a gunshot wound in the foot which necessitated his treatment at the Hartford Hospital. He is in a fair way to recovery.

Oct. 7 was a day of much interest in the church at New London. Four persons recently converted were received to probation, 4 were baptized, and 24 received the right hand of fellowship. A pleasant feature of the service was the presence, inside the communion rail with the pastor, of the class-leaders, who greeted with a handshake each candidate after the service of reception by the pastor. The treasurer reported at the quarterly conference, Oct. 17, all current expenses to date paid and a balance in the treasury. The Epworth League numbers 222, of whom 200 are professing Christians. The lecture course of the League includes ten entertainments. It begins Oct. 22 and closes March 29. It is of a higher grade than ever before attempted. The young people are striving for intelligent piety, and are demonstrating that intellectual activity is compatible with devotional fervor.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Norwich District was held in New London, Oct. 4. Mrs. J. H. James presided. The services were not so large as attended as they would have been if it had not stormed. Those who were present found the occasion enjoyable and profitable. Lunch was served at noon, and tea in the evening in the church parlors. The greeting by Miss Sarah J. Haven, the response by Mrs. A. W. Kingsley, Bible reading by Mrs. O. W. Scott, greetings from Woman's Home Missionary Society, consideration of ways and means, with the admirable address of Mrs. S. L. Gracey on "Mission Work in China," comprised the principal items of the program.

The autumn meeting of the District Ministerial Association was held at Stafford Springs, Oct. 15 and 16. Rev. J. I. Bartholomew and his people dispensed abundant hospitality. "The Relation of the Pulpit to Social Reforms," was treated by John Pearce. "Women in the General Conference," was the topic of Presiding Elder Hirsch's paper. J. S. Bridgford considered "The Presbyter in Charge as an Executive Officer." O. W. Scott presented Epworth League matters. "Boy's Philosophical Position—What It Is, and Is It Tenable?" was the theme of an essay by W. S. Foster. Geo. H. Bates gave a paper on "Our Benevolent Collections, Their Relative Importance and How to Raise Them." The Monday evening sermon was by Rev. F. L. Streeter; that on Tuesday evening by Rev. W. H. Boole, D. D.

The Norwich churches signalized the opening of autumn work by a reception tendered by the Epworth League of East Main St. Church to those of the other churches of the city. About one hundred members from Central, Sachem St., and Greenville were present. The rooms were made bowers of beauty by draperies, pictures, plants, screens and lamps. Music and refreshments were enjoyed. The East Main St. League will hold eight monthly meetings, beginning in October, at which they will consider: (1) Famous Painters; (2) "Alexander Hamilton"; (3) "Makers of Early Methodism"; (4) "Makers of American Methodism"; (5) "Famous Composers"; (6) "Martin Luther"; (7) "Napoleon Bonaparte"; (8) "Queen Victoria."

W. J. Y.

#### New Bedford District.

East Bridgewater.—The autumn meeting of the New Bedford District Ministerial Association occurred Oct. 15 and 16. Very able papers were presented by Revs. C. S. Davis on "The Proper Attitude of the Ministry to the Great Questions of the Day," E. E. Schuh on "Socialists and their Doctrines," R. Clark on "Is Fastening Commanded in the New Testament?" and G. A. Grant on "The Care of Converts." In the absence of Mr. Grant, his paper was read by R. F. Simon. Very full and interesting discussions followed the reading of each paper. Monday evening Rev. W. D. Wilkinson gave

a very interesting address on the Brooklyn Hospital and its work, illustrated with stereopticon views. Mr. Wilkinson has spent nearly eight months under treatment—both medical and surgical—in this hospital, and from his personal knowledge spoke in highest praise of the institution and the skill and kindness with which all patients are treated. His address must have removed every prejudice on this line, and it awakened a deeper interest in this most noble charity.

Tuesday evening Rev. G. W. Elmer preached an earnest and Scriptural sermon on the conditions of salvation.

The hospitality of the church at East Bridgewater was hearty and ample, and the arrangement by which the ministers took dinner and tea together in the vestry was much enjoyed. The pastor, Rev. M. B. Wilson, and his wife were on the alert to see that everything needful to the enjoyment of their guests was provided. Resolutions of sympathy were sent to Rev. J. S. Fish, who is seriously ill at his home at South Truro.

Westport Point.—The good people of this place recently gave their pastor, Rev. B. F. Raynor, and his wife a surprise visit on the fifth anniversary of their marriage, leaving valuable tokens of their regard.

West Duxbury.—The church has been shingled at an expense of more than \$100, all of which has been paid. The labors of the pastor, Rev. G. H. Heffron, are highly prized both here and at Marshfield.

Russell Mills.—Through the earnest efforts of the pastor, Rev. C. B. Allen, and the hearty co-operation of his people, the grounds around the church have been greatly improved and neatly fenced at an expense of \$100 and one hundred days of work. N. B. D.

### Maine Conference.

#### Portland District.

Chestnut Street, Portland.—The Methodist Social Union of Portland held a recent meeting in Chestnut St. Church. Rev. Edwin H. Hughes, brother of the pastor, gave a choice address that received much favorable comment. Rev. Matt. S. Hughes is engaged for the Sweetser course of lectures in Saco, but he declines many invitations because his home work is so urgent and full of promise. Several have recently sought Christ. The expenses of the church are large, but the regular income exceeds that of last year by a considerable sum.

Congress Street.—Since last report 7 have been received from probation and 2 by certificate. Meetings have been held for a week by the young people's society, V. R. Foss assisting. Special meetings by the church are under consideration. The interest in the classes is increasing and the working members feel like making a forward movement. Considerable sickness prevails in the parish. Among the number ill is a student, son of the Sunday-school superintendent, G. M. Donham.

Pine Street.—The meetings have increased since the first of September, and are the largest during the present pastorate, having reached a point beyond the figures of June. The Sabbath-school shares in the advance, and an interesting Junior League of 61 members has been organized.

Biddeford.—An enthusiastic meeting, the largest for many months and the most like the old-time Biddeford prayer-meetings, was held Sabbath evening, Oct. 14. The annual meeting of the Portland District League was held at this place, Oct. 17. The attendance was large and the meeting enthusiastic. Rev. F. C. Rogers made a happy address on "The Optimistic Worker." Mrs. Smiley and Dr. Watkins were much enjoyed. Great credit is due to the secretary, Rev. W. Canham, for the success of the meeting, also to Rev. A. A. Lewis for singing and other helpful work. The resolutions extended a welcome to Rev. H. E. Frohock as a new accession to our work. The Biddeford society was altogether equal to the occasion. Old Orchard was on hand forty strong, and Goodwin's Mills followed hard after with a banner that had its first airing at this convention. We would be pleased to pay our respects to the merits of the essays and discussions, but will hasten to name the officers elected: President, Rev. W. Canham; vice-presidents, Mrs. Flora S. Palmer, Miss Mabel Roberts, Miss Edith M. Rogers, Stephen W. Smith; secretary, W. S. Gooden; treasurer, Ed. Whitehouse; executive committee, Arthur Chase, W. P. Lord, W. A. Boston.

Gorham.—This society is still on the advance, with large morning and evening services. The pastor has a Sunday-school class of about thirty Normal students. A recent fire destroyed the dormitory of the Normal School, and the kind manner in which the citizens of the place cared for the students should not pass unnoticed. Nothing more could have been asked at their hands. On the evening of Oct. 13 a lady of our church opened her house for the pastor to give a reception to the whole Normal School.

Ellis.—The health of the pastor, Rev. E. A. Porter, has improved somewhat with rest. The following are on the list of supplies: Messrs. Collins, Munger, Woodbury, Ernest Doughty, Pratt and Lewis, and Sarah F. Palmer.

### East Maine Conference.

#### Bucksport District.

The Western Ministerial Association convened in Penobscot, Oct. 8 and 9. E. A. Carter preached a sermon from Eccles. 12:1 at 2 P. M. The subject of the evening discourse was "Christ the Corner-stone" (1ss. 28:16), and was delivered by Charles Rogers.

On Tuesday the prayer-service was conducted by A. J. Lockhart. Presiding Elder Norton was

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present as chairman, and A. J. Lockhart was chosen secretary. The following papers were read and discussed: "When shall We Commence to Work for Revival on Our Charges?" David Smith; exegesis of Matt. 6:9, 10, E. A. Carter; "What do We Mean by the Phrase—Inspiration of Scripture?" A. J. Lockhart; "The World's Parliament of Religions;" and "What is the Duty of Church and Clergy Toward the Unemployed?" Charles Rogers. A. B. Carter and others spoke on the question, "What Class in the M. E. Church are Dissatisfied with the Time-Limit, and Should it be Extended to Please Them?"

Charles Rogers led the afternoon devotional service of Tuesday. The exercises of the occasion were closed at evening with a praise-service, a sermon on "Necessary Limits in Life and Character" (Luke 12:50), by A. J. Lockhart, and a sacramental service.

The services, especially in the evening, were well attended by the people of the town, though the severest storm of the season was coincident with them. The Association expressed its sense of appreciation of the liberal and gracious reception and entertainment of its members in a resolution of thanks. Besides the ministers mentioned, there were present Rev. T. A. Hodgeson, of Ballardvale, Mass., a former pastor, and Rev. S. M. Small, the present pastor of the church at Penobscot.

The entire time on Wednesday was devoted to the Epworth League district convention.

A. J. LOCKHART, Sec'y.

### New Hampshire Conference.

#### Dover District.

Errata.—In my notes last week Rev. G. L. Collier is stated as representing "New England Conference" at the Baptist Convention. It should, of course, have been New Hampshire Conference. And St. Paul's vestry will be made habitable, though not in "hospitable," we trust.

The popular pastor of St. John's Church, Dover, Rev. G. L. Collier, made a very pleasant and well-received address as corresponding delegate from our Conference to the State convention of Baptists, recently held in that city.

We are doing something in the line of church extension in this district, our new church in Candia being nearly completed, and St. Paul's, Lawrence, expecting to hold their corner-stone laying on Oct. 27. Rev. Dr. J. O. Knowles has generously consented to give us the address of the occasion. We hope, by the help of the Board of Church Extension and our good friends outside, to get the shell of our church erected and to so fit it up temporarily that we can use it through the winter as a place of worship. This will leave us with a necessary outlay for finishing of at least \$4,000 to be provided afterwards.

Third Church, Haverhill, is doing earnest work and will go on to grand success, though sorely afflicted in the sudden departure of an earnest member and enthusiastic supporter—Luther Silloway. He fell at his post after having just given an earnest testimony and exhortation in the prayer-meeting, from which he was carried to his home, never leaving it again until borne to his final resting-place.

First Church, Haverhill, is beautiful for situation, and when the builders find a way to make good the miserable workmanship, by which the handsome audience-room is defaced by water in every storm, the material furnishing will be complete. Then with all the ability, intellectual, spiritual and financial, of this grand congregation consecrated and in motion, we shall see a pentecostal work in Haverhill that will cause a jubilee in heaven, for God is anxious to build this city into His Jerusalem, and that right early.

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great difficulty in all the work is the general habit of waiting to see what "this man shall do" until "the river runs by," forgetting that "The mill will never grind again with waters that are past."

Amesbury will hold its semi-centennial, Nov. 18 and 19. The effort to reduce the burdensome church debt is going on successfully, \$600 having been paid already, and expectation sees a like sum applied Jan. 1. All former pastors and their wives are invited to a grand reunion, with collation, on Monday evening, Nov. 19. The church and Sunday-school had a red-letter day on Sunday, Oct. 21. The Sunday-school rally showed an attendance of 278. The home department in the evening registered grand success. The decorations were fine, the program excellent and finely rendered, and the house was crowded, standing room being occupied by scores all the evening. Next Sunday evening is the last of the advertised series of lecture-sermons by the pastor, Rev. D. E. Miller, on the theme, "Character Predominant." Notwithstanding the hard times, Amesbury is doing a grand work for the Y. M. C. A. building, and our people are keeping step with others in this worthy enterprise.

St. Paul's, Lawrence, is notified of the grant, as requested, by N. H. Conference Board of Church Extension, and is grateful for the timely aid. Now \$150 more from friends outside will enable us to enclose without debt. Remember, he who gives quickly gives twice, and forward subscription or cash to the presiding elder at Dover, or Pastor W. S. Searle at Lawrence.  
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# THE CONFERENCE.

(Continued from Page A.)

Evangelist E. A. Whittier has since begun holding meetings in that place.

**Peacham.**—Two persons united with the church the second Sunday in October. The pews and gallery and the entire interior of the Methodist house have been torn out, and a place for the choir will be provided at the right of the pulpit, which will be lowered. New chairs will take the place of the old pews, and the floor will be covered with a new carpet.

**West Concord.**—A new furnace has been placed in the vestry.

**Epworth League.**—St. Johnsbury District has nearly four hundred more members of the Epworth League than either of the other two districts.

**Plainfield.**—Two successful lectures by Rev. J. J. Lewis have been given here under direction of Rev. J. E. Farrow. Miss Leonora Stevens and Miss Bertha Chamberlin were elected delegates to the State Sunday-school convention. Dr. Minnie Leavitt, of Canada, spoke before a congregation assembled for union service, Oct. 7, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., upon "The Medical Side of the Temperance Question." Pastor Farrow is repairing the parsonage. Mrs. Henry Batheider, president of the circle of King's Daughters, and Mrs. Baldwin attended the King's Daughters' convention at Burlington.

## St. Albans District.

**Milton.**—There was a harvest concert Sunday evening, Oct. 14. A town Sunday-school convention was held at the M. E. Church, Oct. 11.

**Alburgh Centre.**—W. A. Soule takes his place as superintendent of the Sunday-school at the Springs, and as president of the Epworth League.

**Cambridge.**—A union harvest service was held at the Methodist church, Oct. 14. The church was beautifully decorated with fruits, grains, vegetables and flowers.

**Johnson.**—A brilliant reception was recently given to Rev. W. H. Stanley and his bride by this society.

**Enosburgh Falls.**—The annual Sunday-school convention of Franklin County was held here. Rev. A. W. C. Anderson, pastor of the Methodist Church, welcomed the convention. Judge E. H. Cleveland responded.

**East Fairfield.**—Rev. A. Scribner and wife, of Lyndon, visited here recently.

**Georgia.**—Rev. R. A. Spencer, financial agent of V. M. S., preached Sunday afternoon and evening, Oct. 14.

**Fairfax.**—Rev. A. E. Drew, a Fairfax boy who has been away several years, preached a very interesting sermon, Oct. 14. Several of his old schoolmates were present, and welcomed him to his boyhood home.

**Isle La Motte.**—Rev. C. W. Rose, a former pastor of the church, preached two excellent sermons on Sunday, Oct. 14. Thursday evening he lectured on the life of Christ, exhibiting several views.

**St. Albans.**—The State Sunday-school convention held some lively meetings here on Oct. 16, 17, 18. Town organization was especially advocated, with mission work. Rev. H. A. Spencer, of Montpelier, delivered an address on "The Sufficiency of the Bible for Modern Thought." Rev. O. S. Baketel, of the N. H. Conference, spoke on the "Practical Methods of Intermediate Teaching." Rev. M. D. Jump, of Troy, N. Y., delivered an address on "The Home: Its Relation to the Sunday-school." Among the prominent workers were Mrs. Ford, of Troy, N. Y., and Wm. Reynolds, of Illinois. The Sunday-school interests are advancing in Vermont. There is still need of mission Sunday-school work in the districts distant from the church centre. The people readily receive loving labors.

**Richford.**—A series of union revival meetings in which the Methodists, Baptists and Adventists participated, has just closed in this place. The meetings were conducted by Evangelist N. Harriman, of Springfield, Mass. It was intended to hold meetings for two weeks only, but the interest was so great that the evangelist was obliged to remain for four weeks. The churches have been wonderfully blessed and revived, and backsliders reclaimed and brought into harmony of spirit and life with God. It is estimated that there were over a hundred conversions, mostly young men and heads of families. Union prayer-meetings were held three nights in the week for three weeks before the evangelist came, and many hearts were united and ready for the richer baptism of God's presence. As the result of these meetings 45 will unite with the Methodist Church.

## Montpelier District.

**Chelsea.**—Sunday, Oct. 21, was a day of much interest to the Methodist people of Chelsea, on account of the re-opening of their house of worship, which had been closed for repairs for two months. At the beginning of the present pastorate, the church building was in a very wretched condition, and the pastor, Rev. H. F. Forrest, began immediately to urge the quarterly conference to commence repairs. Last autumn the outside of the building was treated to a triple coat of pure white lead and oil, making it look as well as ever. Two months ago repairs were commenced on the inside. The small pulpit platform was enlarged. The orchestra in the rear was removed and a new one constructed at the left of the pulpit. The ceiling, down to the bottom of the curve, was sheathed with clear spruce, as were also the lower part of the walls as high as the window-sills. This sheathing was finished in the natural color of the wood. The walls were then papered with light brown ingrain paper. The large, old-fashioned windows were divided perpendicularly and also by a transom sixteen inches from the top, which given them an entirely modern appearance. The glass is stained above the transom and plain below. To these improvements were added a new pulpit and pulpit furniture of oak and new stoves and stove pipe. The pews were repainted and some new timbers placed under the floor. The audience-room is now very attractive and comfortable, and the people are happy. The entire cost of the repairs, including the painting of the outside, is \$700. There is but a small debt, which will be extinguished in a few months. The Ladies' Aid Society and the Epworth League contributed about \$125 each. Without their aid the success achieved would hardly have been possible.

## New Hampshire Conference.

### Concord District.

Rev. D. C. Babcock, pastor at Whitefield, says: "Rev. and Mrs. James Cairns, of Keene, who served this charge in 1893-'94, have just concluded ten days' work in special revival services. The church is in excellent condition. All of us have been quickened in the Christian life, and some souls have entered on the heavenly way. We expect to see others coming to the Saviour. Mr. and Mrs. Cairns are faithful and effective workers and greatly beloved in Whitefield."

The church at Suncook has received extensive internal improvements. New carpets have been provided.

At Hooksett Rev. A. C. Coult, whose health was feeble in the spring, has been at his post all summer and seems to have fully recovered his former vigor.

**Concord.**—Mrs. C. W. Bradlee, of Rockland, Me., has been spending a few days in this city. —Mrs. G. M. Curi has gone to Williamsport, Pa., to attend the Woman's Home Missionary Meeting. —Miss Sarah Towle and Mrs. J. E. Robins were at the W. F. M. S. meeting in Worcester. —W. J. Chadbourne, son of Dr. G. S. Chadbourne, for three years the efficient secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Concord, has resigned his position. —Dr. J. W. Merrill, 86 years old, is in excellent health, riding, fishing, working in his garden, writing and helping his pastor. —Rev. Durrill Smart, local preacher in the First Church, Concord, 87 years of age, is feeble in the flesh, but strong in the spirit.

Four new members were added to the First Church at the last communion. Three have recently come into the new life of faith. Two faithful members and trustees have gone to their heavenly home since Conference.—N. G. Mead and J. B. Merrill. E. F. Gordon, brother of Dr. A. J. Gordon, is superintendent of the prosperous Sunday-school.

Additions are being made almost every month to the membership of Baker Memorial Church, causing the pastor, Rev. G. M. Curi, to rejoice. The two Epworth Leagues spent a delightful evening with the Penacook League last week.

Rev. R. Sanderson and wife are happy in their new home at Penacook, and the people are happy also.

Rev. W. H. Turkington, of Tilton, is preaching some powerful sermons on revival lines.

Dr. D. C. Knowles, prohibition candidate for Governor, is giving some stirring addresses throughout the State. His son, Fred Knowles, is assistant secretary of the faculty at Wesleyan. He is also taking a post-graduate course in English literature, and compiling a volume of college poems.

Rev. J. M. Durrell and Rev. J. E. Robins are visiting the Woman's College at Baltimore.

Presiding Elder Keeler and wife attended the First Church in the morning and the Baker Memorial in the evening, Oct. 21.

The Preachers' Meeting was held at Monroe, Oct. 24 and 25.

### Manchester District.

Let no pastor on Manchester District fail to read 4.34 on page 321 of the Discipline of 1892, and give it immediate attention. There must be no delay in this matter.

Rev. B. P. Judd is holding revival services at Fitzwilliam, assisted by Rev. T. E. Cramer, of Hillsboro.

A city union of the Epworth League of Manchester has been formed. We hope some aggressive work will be taken up.

Revival services are being held at St. Jean's, Manchester. This work reaches more Romanists than ever before. At the last visit of the presiding elder four Roman Catholics came to the altar.

While the "little flock" at Peterboro manage to keep the pastor paid up, they have also presented him with a handsome suit of clothes. They are earnestly at work looking and praying for a revival. Rev. C. A. Reed is pastor.

Good indications are visible at West Rindge, Rev. G. H. Hardy, pastor. In addition to the work of his church he has gone to several of the out-districts and held services. At the last quarterly conference he reported having added eighty families to the visiting list. Some of these have come into the congregation. During the past quarter the Sunday-school has increased its average attendance twenty-two. Without doubt this is the largest increase on the district in the same time. During the quarter they have also expended \$60 in improving and beautifying their audience-room, and now it is one of the most attractive. The pastor's claim was paid up to Nov. 1, and the money is on hand to pay the next month's demands. The pastor is planning for a four days' meeting soon. Most of the benevolent collections have been taken, with good results.

The Church Extension collection at Nashua reaches nearly \$100.

## Maine Conference.

### Lewiston District.

**Rumford Falls.**—The increasing population at Rumford Falls renders it necessary to finish at once the auditorium of our new church; \$1,000 to \$1,200 must be raised at once. The pastor has secured nearly \$500 in the village itself; but help must come from outside. The Church Aid Society of the Maine Conference voted to give the collections from the churches to this church. Forty-two charges have not been heard from. Fifty-four charges have sent collections amounting to only \$255.82. Some churches which, in the day of their need, have received generous aid, have either failed to respond or have contributed very small sums. Brethren, do not fail to help our church at Rumford Falls! If we do not finish the church edifice at once, another denomination will probably build within a year; for the feeling prevails that, if Methodism does not furnish accommodations for the people of this rapidly-growing village, another denomination ought to do so. The whole field is ours for some months to come, provided we use our opportunity. Brother pastor, do not fail to take the collection for Rumford Falls at once!

**Harpwell and Orr's Island.**—The interior of each church edifice has been painted and renovated at an expense of \$125. Rev. W. F. Marshall has made over 400 pastoral calls. A prayer-circle, composed of Christian women, under the leadership of the pastor's wife, has been organized.

**South Auburn.**—Six persons were baptized Oct. 12 by the presiding elder. Several have been recently converted. Rev. F. W. Badler, the pastor, in addition to the work of his parish, is taking work in the Latin school of Bates College.

**East North Yarmouth and Yarmouth.**—Multiplied labors have brought the pastor's health in peril. Rest and change, which he is now enjoying, will doubtless restore him. All the interests of the work are well cared for. The new church, recently organized at Yarmouth village is making some progress.

**North Pownal and West Durham.**—Two persons have been received on probation and three have been baptized. Extra meetings are in progress at West Pownal, with deepening interest and increased burden for the un saved.

**West Paris.**—Thirty-eight persons have united in full at Greenwood; 19 others have been received on probation; 24 have been baptized. Eleven have been converted since camp-meeting.

At North Paris six persons have been dismissed by letter. Four of these—Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, with Herbert, their son, and his wife have moved to California, to the great regret of this church, in which they were all active and influential members. The new church will be ready for dedication next month. Rev. A. K. Bryant, the pastor, is abundant and versatile in good works.

The preachers in charge will not fail to arrange for a church meeting in every charge to vote upon the "Hamilton Amendment." See Appendix to Discipline, Article 36.

### JUNIOR.

The Local Preachers' Association of the Maine Conference held its semi-annual session at North Buxton, Oct. 15-18. Sermons were preached by Revs. M. K. Mabry, S. B. Sawyer and Wm. Bragg. Resolutions were adopted declaring a firm purpose to labor heart and hand with the brethren of the Maine Conference for the spread of the Gospel, using every privilege and means of grace established and maintained by the church in preparing for the great work of saving souls; recommending the pursuance of the prescribed course of study as an excellent qualification for more efficient service; urging the duty of every local preacher to assist in creating a fund for the benefit of the superannuates; setting forth the value of Zion's Herald as a family paper, well calculated to awaken a love for our church and its institutions; pledging by precept and example to enforce the command of God to "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," and especially to discourage Sabbath visiting by church members; promising to accept, adopt and advocate the statement found in the Discipline that "the traffic in intoxicating liquors cannot be legalized without sin," and to preach, pray, and vote against license, high or low.

## East Maine Conference.

### Rockland District.

**Sheepscot.**—Improvement is the order of the day here. The furnace has been repaired, the chimney lengthened, and the audience-room is being frescoed in oil. Watch for an invitation to the reopening.

**Wiscasset.**—Rev. S. A. Bender has returned from his vacation trip ready for full service. A good work is in progress.

**Waldoboro.**—Rev. J. F. Haley, on a short vacation, preached for Pastor Phelan, Oct. 7. See (Continued on Page 16.)

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## HERALD CALENDAR.

Basin North Dis. Fr's Meet'g, at W. Fitchburg, Nov. 1  
St. Albans Dis. Fr's Meeting, at Fairfax, Nov. 2 & 3  
Manchester Dis. Preachers' Meeting, at Hudson, N. H., Nov. 4 & 7  
Piggin Union of the Epworth League, at Dorchester Church, Nov. 15  
Annual Convention of New Bedford District Epworth League, at Fourth St. Ch., New Bedford, Nov. 15  
Maine Conference Itinerants' Institute, Dec. 1-4

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

## BOSTON NORTH DISTRICT - THIRD QUARTER.

OCT.  
Hudson, 15, Natick (Q. C., Dec.), 23, a m.  
Winchester, 19, South Framingham, 23, p m.  
First Ch., Somerville, 24, Harvard St., Cambridge, 29.

NOV.  
Woburn (Q. C., Dec.), 4, p m.  
Grace Ch., Camb., 5, Waltham (Q. C., Dec.), 18.  
Rockbottom, 4, Fitchburg, 19.  
Trinity, Camb., 7, West Fitchburg, 22.  
Saxtonville, 9, East Pepperell, 24, 25, a m.  
Sudbury, 10, 11, p m.  
Maynard, 11, a m.  
Cochituate, 11, eve.  
Central Ch., Lowell, 29.  
West Chelmsford, 27.

DEC.  
Weston, 2, a m.  
Concord, 2, 3 p m.  
Park Ave., Somerville, 3, Highlands, Lowell, 18.  
Newton, 19.  
Natick, 5, Waltham, First Ch., 20.  
Ashland, 6, Emmanuel, El, 21.  
Auburndale (Q. C., Jan. 10), Leominster, 22, 23, a m.  
Saxtonville, 9, a m.  
Clinton, 10, Flint St., Somerville, 26.  
Ayer, 11, Newton Highlands, 27.  
Grantville, 12, Centre, 28.  
Watertown, 14, St. Paul's, Lowell, 29, 30, a m.  
Marlboro', 15, 16, a m.  
Worthington St., Lowell, 30, p m.

JAN.  
Newton Upper Falls, 1, Newton Lower Falls, 4.  
Trinity, Charlestown, 7, Mon. Sq., Charlestown, 7.  
Newtonville, 3, Epworth, Cambridge, 8.  
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## Money Letters from Oct. 22 to 29.

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NEW ENGLAND METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY. - A memorial service to the late Noah Perrin will be held Monday, Nov. 19, at 2 p. m., in the Historical Room, Wesleyan Building. Rev. R. H. Howard will deliver the memorial address, and others will give reminiscences. All members of the Society and friends are invited to attend.

J. H. MANSFIELD, Sec'y.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL AT AMESBURY. - The church at Amesbury, Mass., will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, Nov. 18 and 19. Rev. G. W. Norris, presiding elder, and Rev. J. L. Felt, pastor when the new church was built, are expected to preach the sermons on Sunday, Nov. 18. Former pastors and other ministers are specially invited to be present and share in this jubilee. D. E. MILLER.

BOSTON EAST DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE. - Second Quarterly Convention, at Avenue M. E. Church, Beverly, Wednesday, Nov. 21. The afternoon session, opening at 2 o'clock, is to be devoted to the interests of the Literary Department. Papers will be presented by H. B. Thompson, of Melrose, and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bigelow, of Salem. Charles E. Mann, of Malden Centre church, will give an address and conduct a general Literary Conference and Interrogatory. The evening speakers are Rev. E. E. Small, of Rockport, Miss Rita L. Winslow, of Chelsea, and Rev. John D. Pickles, of Worcester. R. W. DRACIS, Sec'y.

CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS CALLED FOR. - Will all persons having Children's Day collections kindly forward the same, as soon as possible, to the Board of Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York? The fiscal year closes Nov. 30, and the accounts must be made up before that date. If the collections are held until the Spring Conferences, they cannot be included in the receipts of the year in which they were taken. It is far better to follow the Disciplinary requirements (see Discipline, ¶ 281, sec. 8), and forward the collections "directly to the Secretary of the Board of Education." The individual church then receives proper credit in the printed Annual Report of the Board, and a voucher for use at Conference is forwarded to the pastor.

Applications for aid this year far exceed in number and urgency, those of any previous year, and the money is needed to meet these pressing demands.

C. H. PAYNE, Cor. Sec'y.

## Marriages.

CROWELL - NICKERSON. - In South Harwich, Mass., Oct. 25, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. N. B. Cook, Wilbur T. Crowell and Maud A. Nickerson, both of S. H.  
MORTON - STERLING. - At the parsonage in Cushing, Me., Oct. 25, by Rev. Geo. J. Palmer, Albert W. Morton and Etta Sterling, both of Friendship, Me.  
JACKSON - MILLIGAN. - In Rumney, N. H., by Rev. H. S. Collier, Noah Jackson, of Fitchburg, Mass., and Nellie J. Milligan, of R.  
LEIGHTON - McLAUGHLIN. - In Whiting, Me., Oct. 17, by Rev. E. A. Gidden, Melvin Leighton, of Prescott, and Nettie McLaughlin, of Whiting.  
OLAY - BODWELL. - In Berwick, Me., Oct. 18, by Rev. F. Grosvenor, William H. Olay and Lizzie Bodwell, both of R.  
EMERSON - COFFIN. - By the same, Oct. 25, Edgar A. Emerson, of Somersworth, N. H., and Elsie M. Coffin, of R.

## POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. D. C. Thatcher, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

ORGANISTS WANTED. - Some one who will volunteer to play the organ at our M. E. Italian Mission Sunday-school, 179 Haverhill St., on Sunday at 10 a. m. Also another who will play for the Portuguese meeting at the Immigrants' Home, East Boston, at 3 p. m.

E. J. HELMS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND SINGING-BOOKS. - We have on hand a lot of singing-books, also Sunday-school books, that we would like to dispose of to any poor school that would like to have them.

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ITINERANTS' CLUBS. - Two important Itinerants' Clubs are to be held - one in Topeka, Kansas, December 4-10, and one in Des Moines, Ia., December 13-17. The former is under the direction of the Kansas Conference Itinerants' Club, but is open to all ministers who choose to attend. Dr. A. S. Embree, president of the Kansas Conference Itinerants' Club and pastor of the First Church, Topeka, Kansas, will preside. Dr. J. M. Buckley, Bishop Vincent, Dr. T. B. Neely, Dr. B. F. Upham, Dr. S. McGee, Dr. Jesse Bowman Young, and Dr. Emory Miller, of Des Moines, Ia., will all be in attendance both at the Topeka and the Des Moines Clubs to lecture and engage in conversations, question drawers, and other exercises of the Club.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY again calls for aid in sending religious reading to those who are destitute. The need is great for weekly and monthly religious papers to be sent into the homes of our church poor, South and West. The need also is great for good literature to be sent in bulk to pastors and Christian workers for distribution. In some cases the Epworth League will gather back numbers of papers and magazines, and also, if possible, books and papers for use in Sunday-schools. We shall be glad to furnish the address of persons to whom these gifts will be welcome.

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NOTICE. - The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Portland District will hold a meeting at Pine St. M. E. Church, Portland, on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Morning service at 10 a. m., opened by a devotional service led by Mrs. C. F. Allen, followed by reports from auxiliaries. In the afternoon Mrs. M. S. Hughes, Conference president, will preside. An interesting program has been prepared, consisting of report of annual meeting by Mrs. G. R. Palmer, address by Mrs. H. B. C. Heedy, and papers, interspersed with music. All interested in this work are cordially invited to be present. Basket lunch at 12.30. Tea and coffee provided. S. G. CLARK, Dis. Sec.

DOVER DISTRICT W. F. M. S. CONVENTION at Grace Church, Haverhill, Mass., Wednesday, Nov. 7. Sessions at 10 a. m., 2 and 7.30 p. m. In the morning, roll-call of auxiliaries and organization of District Association. Afternoon, reports from delegates to the N. E. Branch, and General Executive meetings; papers on subjects of interest and importance to workers. Miss Cushman, our home secretary, will be with us all day, and in the evening will deliver an address. Basket lunch. Tea and coffee provided. A cordial welcome awaits all who come. Mrs. J. M. PHILLIPS, Sec.

## Centennial at Bourne.

THE centennial of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bourne was celebrated Oct. 18 and 21. In the afternoon of Oct. 18 Rev. Walter Eli, presiding elder, preached on "A Hundred Years of Methodism," using as a text Heb. 10: 22, 23. After a brief review of the material, political and religious condition of New England a hundred years ago, he attributed the growth of Methodism from nothing in 1700 to a membership of 150,000 in New England in 1894 to (1) Its itinerant ministry; (2) Its doctrines; (3) Its measures for the development of its members in Christian usefulness. He noted the modifying influence which Methodism had exerted upon other denominations, and that Methodism, while unchanged in its distinctive doctrines, had been modified in some of its usages by the influence of other churches. He exhorted Methodists, while keeping pace with the times, to hold on to those distinguishing characteristics which have been blessed of God in making the denomination what it is.

In the evening a reunion of former pastors and members was held. Rev. W. V. Morrison, D. D., a former presiding elder, presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Perry, a former resident of the place. A felicitous address of welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. N. C. Alger. Mrs. N. C. Alger read an original poem prepared for this occasion. Addresses, full of interesting reminiscences, were given by the following former pastors: Revs. E. B. Hinkley, J. B. Husted (now lacking but a few weeks of 80 years), C. N. Hinkley, R. Burr, J. G. Gammons and C. B. Davis. Rev. Mr. Chamberlayne, an Episcopal minister resident here, presented his congratulations. E. H. Tobey, Esq., spoke for the church. Several hymns written for the occasion by



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On Sunday, Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., of Drew Theological Seminary, preached morning and evening. In the morning his text was: "Other men labored and ye are entered into their labor" (John 4: 38). He gave an account of Jesus' visit to Cape Cod, and of the opposition which Methodism everywhere met from the established churches. Calvinism reigned throughout New England. The people were hungry for such truths as the Methodists preached. The early preachers were men of power and were fully able to state and defend their doctrines. In the evening he preached from 2 Pet. 1: 16, 17: "For we have not followed cunningly-devised fables," etc. Large audiences were present at both these services.

This is the beginning of centennial celebrations by the Methodist churches of Cape Cod. Now let them be continued till the youngest born has celebrated its hundredth birthday. As in other cases a younger sister sometimes goes in advance of an elder, so this first centennial has not been celebrated by the first-born of Methodism on the Cape. So far as known to this present writer, the honor of primogeniture belongs to the church at Provincetown. Provincetown first appears in the list of appointments in 1706, and Sandwich two years later. Monument, now Bourne, was a part of Sandwich charge, and so continued till 1835. Some local records give an earlier date to the introduction of Methodism to Bourne, but as they name the same preachers as having been the

agents of its introduction as are mentioned by Stevens in his History, and as are given in the General Minutes, but differ from these latter authorities as to date, I am inclined to accept the later date as the correct one. However, the church, whether it be ninety-eight or one hundred years old, is worthy of a celebration, and the celebration can but be a blessing to the church. N. B. D.

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In the study of history especially there is an imperative demand for condensation. The field is so large, the literature so abundant, that no man, though he attain a hundred years, can hold the whole for ready reference. There must be wise selection. Time has winnowed out much chaff with some solid grain. But there is more left than we can use. Few men can examine all the histories accessible in a great library. Even if examined, the collection is too large for ready reference. The choice passages are scattered through hundreds of volumes; only the scholar or expert will be able readily to find them for instant use; while many besides the expert and special student have need of these resources.

To meet the needs of the teacher, the editor, the writer and general student, for ready reference, these ample and admirable volumes have been prepared by a competent hand. The value of such a work depends, of course, on the ability and faithfulness with which it is executed. The compiler must have the knowledge of an expert with the coolness of a judge and the wisdom of a philosopher. To keen insight he must join levelness of head and breadth of research. He must not only know, he must know what is best and know it in the best way. In our judgment this work combines these indispensable qualities. The author saw a need, and he had the genius, scholarship and patience requisite to meet it. He has produced a cyclopedia of history admirable alike in plan and execution.

The plan is both new and excellent. Compends and abridgments, of which we have many, often excellent, are generally a melange of undigested facts, without clearness in the thought or attractiveness of style. The books who have produced them have learned the use of the pen without any adequate mastery of knowledge, so that we never feel sure that the facts are given in their natural order and with their real significance. The present work is something quite different, affording evidence of clear discrimination and sound judgment in the use of material as well as extensive research and profound investigation. Years have been spent in the work, with abundant sources of information. All history has been ransacked for information, and intelligible outlines of the history of every nation, historic movement, and considerable institution, are given in these volumes.

Perhaps the admirable features in the work will be best seen by reference to specific instances in the treatment. Take, for illustration, the outline of Austrian history. In this we have the plan used in all the others. To Austria he devotes 38 pages. The record is broken up into forty-seven sections, the break coming not with chronological regularity, but at the natural turning-points in the national movement; so that the record affords a clear and careful analysis of the history as well as the bare facts. To each of these sections is given a heading in broad-faced type, with the dates at which the section begins and ends, thus: "A. D. 1618-1648. The Thirty Years' War—The Peace of Westphalia." Then the outline of the period is given in the language of Heeren and Gindely. The same order is followed in the other forty-six sections until the article is completed. We have thus an analytical, historical outline, to any part of which the reader can turn in a moment, with a long list of choice passages from many historians. In a word, we have the outline of Austrian history, in convenient form and in the very words of the great historians. But besides the letter-press, the article contains other important helps to study. There is an ethnographical map, in different colors, showing the distribution of the Germanic and other peoples in the empire. There are also four maps, indicating the dates at which the various parts of the territory in the empire were acquired. The first in this series of maps contains the Little Archduchy of Austria; then the map of 1526 adds Bohemia; the map of 1803, Hungary; and finally, in 1810, a new rectification of boundaries with the later losses and supplements. Again, we have two pages of contemporaneous events in Europe during the seventeenth century, with the relations of the European nations to each other. There is, also, a two-page logical outline of Austrian history, with the text in different colors, to indicate the material, ethnological, social and political, intellectual, moral and religious influence of the time. Subordinate topics are given in alphabetic order, with references to this main article.

In some instances institutions, social and political movements and organizations, are given

separately, as the Crusades, Education, an Christianity. The article on Christianity covers 36 pages, in ten main sections and several sub-headings, indicating the growth, outspread, decay and revival of the faith. A map shows, by lines and colors, the spread in the early centuries. The article on Education has 75 pages; that on England, 200; France, 240; Europe, 100; and Burgundy, 7. The colored map of Burgundy gives the territory under Charles the Bold, with the dates of the several acquisitions. From one of these outlines the reader can obtain a very fair knowledge of the local history as given by the historians.

But the value of this plan must depend largely upon the intelligence and judgment with which it is executed. To quote, as Emerson says, requires genius. In this case the judgment of the scholar is as indispensable as the breadth of research; and here the author seems to us to be strong. He is a good judge of historic values. In looking over his articles, it will be difficult to find one where he has not quoted from the best authors and selected their best passages. The latest historians appear in his pages to give us the most recent findings of research and criticism. Griffin, on Holland, which appeared a few months ago, has not escaped his notice.

The contributions of the artist add not a little to the interest and value of the work. Alan C. Kelley, of Scotch birth, is a first-rate cartographer. He stands easily at the head of the American school, while his work compares favorably with that of the European masters. His designs are not borrowed. The admirable maps of these volumes are produced from studies and drawings of his own.

In view of all these facts, we do not hesitate to commend this work as the very best of its kind. Besides grouping and organizing the main facts, the author in the use of his method is stimulating and suggestive. He has not only brought to us the great histories and historians, he has, at the same time, taught us to open the burr of history ourselves. If we mistake not, these volumes will find a wide and cordial welcome by students of various classes, as the very best furnishing for ready reference and topical study the markets of the world afford. In both plan and execution the work is a marvel. We can hardly think of a feature which could be added to advantage.

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**Golden Words for Daily Counsel.** Selected and Arranged by Anna Harris Smith. Edited by Huntington Smith. Thomas Y. Crowell & Company: New York. Price, \$1.25.

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**John Brown and His Men.** With Some Account of the Roads they Traveled to Reach Harper's Ferry. By Richard J. Hinton. Funk & Wagnalls: New York. Price, \$1.50.

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**Little Miss Faith: A Story of a Country Week at Falcon Heights.** By Grace Le Baron. Boston: Lee & Shepard. Price, 75 cents.

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## Magazines.

The *Westminster Review* for October contains ten solid articles. Alfred N. Laughton considers the question of government by party; W. J. Corbett raises the question whether private asylums for the insane ought not to be abolished; E. V. Ingram treats art literature; W. Miller gives some of the results of mountaineering in Montenegro. Then come "Popular and Injurious Class and Labor Misrepresentations;" "Finland and its Parliament," by J. D. Shaw; "Prof. Drummond's 'Ascent of Man';" and "Pastorals," by E. H. L. Watson. (Leonard Scott Publication Company: New York.)

The *Nineteenth Century* for October contains a fine list of ten articles. The opening paper severely criticizes Lord Rosebery. Max Müller is in doubt whether to class Notovitch, who published an Indian life of Christ, as a dupe or a rogue. He evidently leans hard to the latter. R. V. Rau contends that Mohammedanism is tolerant and that Omar did not order the destruction of the Alexandrian Library—two hard propositions to defend. Prof. Wallace makes a plea for the "Reduction of Work on the Sabbath." Mrs. Chapman has a word on "Dress;" and Sir A. Colvin another on "The Perilous Growth of State Expenditure in India." (Leonard Scott Publication Company: New York.)

The *New Church Review* for October contains six articles relating to the views and relations of the New Church. S. S. Seward deals with "The Church and Reforms;" Lewis F. Hite considers the "Allegations against Swedenborg;" James Reed shows the "Character of Primitive Christianity;" G. F. Stearns tells "Who is Worthy to Open the Book;" and T. B. Haywood treats the successive dispensations in "The Churches on the Earth." The editorial, literary and biblical departments are filled with various and valuable notes. (New Church Union: 16 Arlington St., Boston.)

The *Fortnightly Review* for October contains nine articles. Their titles are: "The Crimea in 1864 and 1894;" "Sidelights on the Second Empire;" "Our Workingmen's Diet and Wages;" "An Antiquarian Ramble in Paris;" "The Extermination of Great Game in South Africa;" "The Legislation of Fear;" "In Syria;" "Madagascar;" and "A Pretender and his Family." (Leonard Scott Publication Co.: 231 Broadway, New York.)

The *Review of Reviews* for October contains its usual photograph of events of the month. Besides the "Progress of the World," the "Record of Current Events," the "Current History in Caricature," and abstracts from leading magazine articles for the month, the *Review* contains a character sketch of "Li Hung Chang, the Premier of China," by John Russell Young, with a portrait of the great Chinese official in large form and a smaller one associated with that of General Grant. William E. Smythe contributes an article on the "Progress of Irrigation Thought in the West." The article, illustrated by several portraits, contains the substance of the discussions in the late irrigation convention in Denver. "Bryant's Centennial," briefly outlined by William R. Thayer, is accompanied by portraits of the poet and Parke Godwin. A. E. Fletcher has, also, a thoughtful article on "The Church and its Relation to Labor." (13 Astor Place, New York.)

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## Obituaries.

**Silloway.**—Luther Silloway, who was born in Kingston, N. H., Aug. 3, 1817, died at his home in Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 29, 1894.

Mr. Silloway when eighteen years of age was born from above. He was baptized and received into membership at Kingston M. E. Church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Young. In '40 he went to California, returning in '51 to Methuen, Mass. There being no M. E. Church in this place, he united with the Haverhill Street M. E. Church of Lawrence, Mass. When, under the labors of Rev. Samuel Kelley, the Garden St. Church was organized, Mr. Silloway transferred his relationship from the former to the latter. When Methodism was introduced into Methuen, Mr. S. was among its first advocates, and acted as class-leader, steward, and trustee.

In 1861 he obeyed his country's call and went forth to duty. In November of the same year, while in active service, he received an injury and was honorably discharged.

In 1881 he removed to Haverhill and united with the Wesley M. E. Church of that city. In 1893 he united with several others to form the Third M. E. Church on Mt. Washington, in that place. For nine months he labored hard for the erection of a house of worship. On the eve of the dedication of the chapel, July 29, like Simeon of old, he said in his testimony, "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace." After testifying in the Sunday-evening prayer-meeting, Sept. 2, he was taken suddenly ill, and after lingering four weeks, passed on to his reward.

Through all his Christian life, and especially during the last few weeks, he manifested the Christlike spirit in all his words and actions. He loved the Gospel as preached by Methodist doctrine, whether from the pulpit or through the press, his favorite periodical being ZION'S HERALD, to which he was a subscriber for forty-five years.

W. THOMPSON.

**Buckland.**—"Asleep in Jesus." Thus ends the latest earthly record of one who was very dear to a large circle of friends. Addie G. Buckland joined the Methodist Church in East Hampton, Conn., from probation, March 28, 1888, during the pastorate of Rev. E. J. Ayres. Thence to the end of life she strove to be faithful, and we trust she is now wearing the crown of life. While always frail in body, her spirit rose above all physical ailments and delighted to see things move. Hence she was ever to be found among that select class of young people who volunteer for any service where young blood is wanted. She had been a successful teacher in our public schools, and at the time of her death—fresh from the State Normal School at Willimantic, and eager to engage in her chosen life-work—held an important trust as a teacher in the graded school at Manchester, Conn.

The frail body, however, refused to obey the dictates of an undaunted spirit, and hardly had she entered upon this work ere a lingering illness overtook her. The battle with disease was hotly contested. At times it looked as if she would be the victor. But on July 7, 1894, she heard the divine call to give up the contest, and obeyed.

A deeply grieved circle of friends remain to mourn their loss; but they have learned to bow in meekness to the Divine Will, to appreciate the fact that "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." W. S. FOSTER.

**Ladd.**—Mrs. Eliza J. Ladd, widow of Joseph Ladd, of North Andover, and afterward of Derry, N. H., and daughter of Joseph Johnson, of Nahant, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rev. J. C. Smith, West Medway, Mass., Sept. 4, at the advanced age of 88 years.

For the twenty-four years of her widowhood she had been a gentle presence in this home, revered and beloved by children and grandchildren.

Eliza Johnson was converted in early life and joined the Lynn Common Church, where she regularly attended and was a teacher in the Sunday-school. She used to speak of the ministry of those years with most affection, that of Father Abraham D. Merrill being particularly remembered. Her attachment to the Methodist Church was ardent and unflinching. ZION'S HERALD, of which she has been a reader for more than fifty years, was always welcomed and well read. Her Christian life was constant and her seasons of communion with her Bible could not be encroached upon by other cares or weariness. Her life was a benediction to her family and friends.

She and her companions were among the original members of the M. E. Church in North Andover, and the pastors of the infant church, as also those in other places where she lived, found a kindly welcome and hospitality in her home.

She was stricken with paralysis the morning of Sept. 1 and after lingering a few days for the ministry of loving hands, she passed on to her eternal rest. The funeral was attended by Rev. Arthur Bonner, pastor of the M. E. Church, and Rev. A. W. Ide. The precious dust was taken to Nahant, her childhood's home, and laid to rest among the scenes she loved so well.

Two sons—Joseph J. Ladd, of Guatemala, and C. H. Ladd, of Springfield, Mass.—and two daughters—Mrs. J. C. Smith and Miss Melia J. Ladd—are left to mourn her departure.

ARTHUR BONNER.

**Jackson.**—Betsey Jenness, wife of Wm. L. Jackson, was born in Sheffield, Vt., July 4, 1828, and died in Natick, Mass., Sept. 18, 1894.

She was converted at Eastham Camp-meeting in August, 1844, and immediately joined Church in Street Church, Boston. Rev. Miner Raymond, pastor— and from that time for fifty years was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

May 4, 1845, she was married to Mr. Jackson, and removed to Natick, which has been their home ever since except for a single year. Six sons and four daughters were given to them, upon whom she bestowed a Christian mother's care, meeting the wise man's description of the virtuous woman—"she looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. Her home was her realm. From it her influence went out in blessing. To it she still attracted her children even when themselves heads of families.

Of retiring disposition and habit, her religious character has found expression in faithful living rather than in public testimony. For the last ten years she has but seldom been able to stand upon public worship, but her Christian life bore constant testimony to her Christian faith and love, and left no need of dying words to give assurance of triumph in Christ.

Her six sons and sons-in-law bore her honored remains to their last resting place, where her loved ones were lovingly ministered to her wants in her last illness. Her companion for fifty years of life's journey, "cast down but not destroyed," abides in the consolation of the Gospel.

D. H. E.

**Russell.**—Ann Russell died at his home near Cumberland, Maine, Oct. 8, 1894, aged 67 years.

He had been for thirty-five years one of the most loyal and consistent members and supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A wife, a son and two daughters remain to mourn the temporary separation, but to rejoice in expectation of a joyful reunion. The loss sustained by our church in Cumberland does not end with the absence of Mr. Russell, but is multiplied by five, as it is probable the entire family will leave the neighborhood, selling the large farm because they do not feel able to carry it on successfully alone. While the heartfelt sympathy and earnest prayers of the bereaved church will follow this ever-helpful family, and while we congratulate the society that is to gain by our loss, we sincerely hope the beautiful home they leave may be purchased by a good Methodist.

W. T. CHAPMAN.

**Judd.**—Rev. Burtis Judd, son of Daniel and Eunice Judd, was born in Danbury, Conn., in that portion of the town now known as Bethel—Dec. 21, 1817, and died in South Framingham, Mass., Oct. 13, 1894, aged 76 years and 10 months.

His mother being a Congregationalist, he was baptized in infancy in the Congregational Church. He was early taught to attend divine service and Sabbath-school. During his childhood years, and especially during seasons of religious interest, he was not without his convictions of sin and a desire to become a Christian. But it was not until the year 1835, in Watertown, Conn., where he was serving a term of apprenticeship to the carpenter business, that he was finally converted. Here his lot fell among the Methodists. Meetings were held in a school-house in the neighborhood from time to time by Methodist circuit and local preachers. At one of these, conducted by an exhorter named Moore, he was convicted; and a week later at a meeting in charge of still another exhorter, by the name of Treat, he was happily converted. This was Oct. 11, 1835. Under the influence of Rev. Ira Abbott, preacher in charge, he united with the M. E. Church.

He was first licensed to exhort by recommendation of the church at Washington, Conn., Nov., 1839, and to preach by recommendation of the same church, April 2, 1842. His first revival was a school-house one in Roxbury, Conn., in connection with which his own father was converted. His first charge as a supply was Colebrook River circuit.

Dec. 31, 1838, he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca A. Hallcock, who survives him.

Aug. 20, 1847, he accepted the invitation of a Reformed Methodist Church, at Millville, Mass., to become its pastor, where he remained two years. He then (1850) became identified with the New England Conference, and was received in elder's orders from the Reformed Methodist Church, and stationed at Phillipston. His appointments in the N. E. Conference have been as follows: 1850, Phillipston; '51, '52, Hubbardston; '53, Newburyport; Purchase St.; '54, Liberty St.; '55, '56, Oxford; '57, '58, Fitchburg; '59, '60, Saxtonville; '61, Somerville; '62, '63, Marlboro; '64, Mendon; '65, '66, Townsend; '67, '68, Oakdale; '69, Cherry Valley; '70, '71, Rockbottom; '72-'74, Westboro; '75, North Andover; '76, Heath; '77-'85, supernumerary; '86—, supernumerary.

In connection with most of these pastorates Mr. Judd was favored with glorious revivals, while his management of all pastoral affairs was characterized by great wisdom. He was an able, interesting, eminently Biblical preacher. Having enjoyed only the most meagre opportunities for mental culture, he yet became a man of wide information and the master of a choice vocabulary. He was a remarkably genial, lovable, companionable man. He was everybody's friend, and everybody not unreasonably loved him. He was a most manly man. Conscientious, independent in his judgments, fearless, he had yet in him the heart of a child.

Upon his retirement from the effective ranks in 1877, Mr. Judd settled in South Framingham and engaged in the real estate business.

For many years his health has been sadly broken, and for many months he has been an almost helpless invalid—a constant but patient sufferer. His last illness was protracted and especially distressing. For many long years he has been anxiously, yet trustingly, awaiting his departure. Death therefore had no terrors for him. His faith was triumphant. He has fought a good fight; he has already taken his crown.

His surviving children are Mrs. Ruth O. Perry, Marlboro, Mass.; Dr. O. W. Judd, Westboro, Mass.; and Mrs. Mary E. Whittemore, South Framingham, Mass.

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## Review of the Week.

Tuesday, October 23.

- General Booth, of the Salvation Army, welcomed in New York.
- Partial destruction of the Harvard Observatory station in Peru by highwaymen.
- The Omar able to take a half-hour walk.
- Several villages in Java destroyed by an eruption of the volcano Galoengong.
- The Law and Order League of New Haven stir up the police department of that city.
- Mount St. Elias in Alaska found to belong to this country, its summit being 1.7 miles within the boundary line.
- The new battle-ship "Maine" earns a premium of \$22,900 for excess of required steam power.
- Three prisoners to be released from Charlestown State Prison on the new ticket-of-leave system.

Wednesday, October 24.

- The Cook gang rob the post-office and all the stores in Talada, I. T.
- Several missionary stations in China destroyed, and their inmates massacred.
- The Moody school for boys at Mt. Hermon to have a gymnasium costing over \$50,000, the gift of William Skinner, of Holyoke.
- One of the Acquia Creek train-robbers confessed, and takes officers to the place where a bag full of bonds was secreted.
- The Japan Parliament declares that foreign interference in her war with China will not be tolerated.
- The town of Sakata in Japan nearly destroyed by an earthquake; Southern California also shaken.
- The American Missionary Association meets in Lowell; President M. S. Gates makes an address.

Thursday, October 25.

- Japan rejects overtures of peace made by the mediating powers.
- The McMillan monument in Philadelphia unveiled.
- The Laxow Investigating Committee informed that the police and others have conspired to prevent witnesses from testifying.
- Cincinnati's treasury empty; the city will be compelled to run on credit until Jan. 1.
- A big gambling-house in New Haven broken up by the influence of the Law and Order League.
- President Cleveland returns to Washington.

Friday, October 26.

- A report that the Chinese have abandoned Fort Arthur.
- A boiler of the French cruiser "Arethuse" at Brest explodes; six of her crew killed and twenty injured.
- Two hundred persons killed and 3,000 houses destroyed by the Sakata (Japan) earthquake.
- Death of H. T. Helmbold, the famous patent medicine manufacturer.
- The most destructive prairie fire ever known in Nebraska now raging; four lives and a large number of cattle already lost.
- The Italian police succeed in suppressing 271 anarchistic societies within a few days.
- The steamer "Paris" cuts in two a large unknown vessel during a severe storm; none saved.

- The "Alden Spear Memorial Library" dedicated at Chelsea, Vt.

Saturday, October 27.

- Death, in Chicago, of Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, secretary of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
- Unsuccessful attempts of the State Board of Arbitration to settle the Fall River strike.
- The Prussian cabinet difficulty ends with the resignation of Chancellor Caprivi and Count Eulenber.
- A steamer seen to go down in Bristol Channel; all hands lost.
- The Interior Department and several schools in Washington closed on account of the small-pox scare.
- Oxford and Cambridge to confer degrees on Secretary Bayard.
- The Japanese cross the Yalu, and capture Chinese forts.
- Capture of a batch of ten Tammany heeler who illegally registered in New York for 400 votes.
- J. Allen Francis, teller of the City Bank of Hartford for thirty-eight years, a defaulter for over \$23,000.

Sunday, October 28.

- The weavers at Fall River vote to remain out.
- Twelve persons lose their lives and three injured by the burning of a hotel in Seattle, Wash.
- The Omar rallies; he sleeps well, and his appetite is good.
- Prince Hohenlohe accepts the German chancellorship and the Prussian premiership.
- Dynamite placed under a shanty near Wilkesbarre, Pa., where sixty Hungarian laborers were sleeping, and set off; three killed and several fatally injured.
- Bremen and Hamburg prohibit the importation of live cattle from this country.

A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York, have in press for publication Nov. 3, simultaneously with its issue in London, "The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ," by Rev. James Stalker, D. D., author of "Imago Christi," which has had such a large sale both in this country and Great Britain. To be published same date, "Christian Doctrine," by R. W. Dale, D. D., of Birmingham, and the third and concluding volume of Dr. Alexander MacLaren's Exposition of the Book of Psalms in the Expositor's Bible Series.

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**Centre Lincolnville.**—Oct. 14, 3 were baptized and received to full membership. A good work has been done here, and it needs careful attention. The people greatly regret the departure of Rev. C. C. Phelan.

**Camden.**—Three children and one adult were baptized, Oct. 17.

**New Harbor.**—Quarterly meeting here, attended by Rev. B. B. Byrne, was a delightful occasion. Father Byrne is a good illustration of "how to grow old." The Ministerial Association held here, Oct. 8-10, was a very helpful gathering. Enjoyment and satisfaction was the general verdict. A strong spiritual influence pervaded all the services.

**Revels.**—Special meetings are being continued at East Vassalboro with good results. The home camp-meeting at Windsor was a success. Meetings are still being held, souls have been saved, and a good work is going on in the membership of the church. Revival in the well under way at Pittston. Two young men have been converted, and others are deeply interested. Middle Bridge, Dresden, has already enjoyed a good work. Pastor and people at Woodrich are rejoicing over new-born souls. Rev. J. H. Bennett, of Union, will assist several of the pastors in revival work this fall.

**Rockland.**—The Maine State Sunday-school convention was held at Pratt Memorial Church, Oct. 10-12. The Rockland people proved good entertainers, as usual. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Bradley, gave the address of welcome. The presence and addresses of Dr. J. L. Hurlbut were a great inspiration to the convention. A large number of Methodist preachers were present, but more of our Sunday-school workers should have been there. Every session was helpful and instructive.

**Rev. C. S. Cummings** recently lectured here, and was greeted with a large audience. Mrs. Bradley has been spending a few weeks in Boston and vicinity. During her absence she attended the Branch meeting of the W. F. M. S. at Worcester.

**Church Extension.**—Most of the churches on the district have reported full apportionment met. All collections for this object should be forwarded to headquarters before Nov. 1. O.

### New England Conference.

**Boston Preachers' Meeting.**—The work of the Kneeland St. Rescue Mission was most interestingly presented as the order of the day. Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D., will address the Preachers' Meeting next Monday. It is hoped that a large audience will be present to listen to this distinguished and eloquent minister.

#### Boston South District.

**Boston, Bromfield St.**—Thursday evening, Oct. 25, the church gave a reception to Dr. L. B. Bates, the new pastor, and to Dr. J. H. Mansfield, presiding elder. Notwithstanding the pouring rain the reception was a success. In cordiality it was noteworthy. The pastorate of Dr. Bates opens encouragingly.

**Boston, Baker Memorial.**—Dr. J. Benson Hamilton presented the cause of the Preachers' Aid Society to this church last Sunday morning. His theme was, "The World's Greatest Money-Maker, the Minister." With unctious and power he made a most effective plea for justice, not charity. The people responded with an offering of \$221. The apportionment was \$30. The pastor, Rev. Frederick N. Cushman, began in the evening a series of sermons on "Instantaneous Pictures from the Bible."

**Boston, First Swedish Church.**—The congregations through this church to the very doors. It is fully evident that the people must "go forward" and complete their church building. Ten persons were received into church fellowship last Sunday evening. Rev. Henry Hanson, pastor.

**Tremont St., Boston.**—The annual installation of Epworth League officers of this church was held in the large audience-room Sunday even-

ing, Oct. 21, at 7.30 P. M. The members formed in a body in the vestry, and were ushered into reserved seats in the centre of the church, each being decorated with the badge of the chapter. A hearty and enthusiastic address was delivered by Rev. William I. Haven, after which the pastor, Rev. Dr. W. W. Ramsay, gave the charge to the officers. The following officers were installed: President, Mr. George B. Dean; vice-presidents, Miss M. F. Porter, Miss Josephine Dunning, Mr. G. C. Halstead, Mr. William J. Edwards; secretary, Mr. Edgar A. Dunn; treasurer, Mr. Liverus H. Woodvine. The service throughout was most impressive, and deep in spiritual thought and power.

**Bethany Church, Roslindale.**—A great injustice to this church is done in the published circular concerning the missionary offerings of our churches last year. It puts this church down as having given nothing, when the fact is they contributed \$194—just one dollar per member. Rev. H. D. Deetz, of Atlantic, preached last Sunday, and took the Church Aid collection.

**Milford.**—Since Conference the pastor, Rev. W. C. Townsend, has received 53 persons into church membership—24 from probation, 7 by letter, and 2 on probation. He has been preaching on Sunday mornings a series of sermons on "The Work of the Holy Spirit," and Sunday evenings on "Eschatology." The financial and religious outlook is cheering.

**Plainville.**—A note received expresses the great satisfaction of this people in hearing on a recent Sunday their former pastor, Rev. Wesley C. Haskell. Rev. Chas. T. Erickson is now pastor.

**Franklin.**—At the quarterly conference, held Oct. 22, Presiding Elder Mansfield in the chair, the salary of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Jagger, was increased \$50. The Ladies' Aid Society recently gave a very successful supper and entertainment.

**Worcester, Trinity.**—Good news comes from this church, Rev. J. D. Pickles, pastor. Souls are seeking Christ—seven during the past week, and eight new ones at the altar on Sunday night. The pastor's brother, Rev. F. H. Pickles, is assisting him. Mr. Pickles has received and accepted an invitation to make an address at the annual meeting of the Sunday-school Union at Jersey City, Nov. 10-11.

#### Boston North District.

**Newton Centre.**—Two weeks ago the pastor, Rev. E. H. Hughes, of Newton Centre, requested his people to practice self-denial for two weeks and give the Missionary Society the benefit of it to meet the present exigency. As a result, when the regular monthly collection for missions was taken on Sunday evening, \$107.50 was received.

#### Boston East District.

**East Boston, Meridian St.**—Rev. L. W. Staples, the pastor, who is doing such excellent work in this church, issues a calendar for the month of November, in which special revival services are announced for the entire month. The topics are very suggestive and helpful.

**Lynn, St. Paul's.**—Sunday morning, Oct. 28, was "Old People's service." About 75 had been invited, and 40 came, some of them in carriages especially provided. The League had charge of the arrangements. The congregation was very large. Old hymns and tunes were used. The altar and platform were prettily filled with fruits and flowers and vegetables these are to be sent to the sick and poor. Every aged person was presented with a bouquet. The pastor, Rev. W. T. Worth, preached from Luke 24: 29. In the evening—an almost unprecedented thing—1,055 were present by actual count. Many were turned away. The Sunday-school now numbers 738, exclusive of the home department. The concert was one of the best ever given.

#### Springfield District.

**Springfield.**—Bishop Mallalieu favored us with a short visit this week, and gave, for the benefit of the W. F. M. S. auxiliaries of the city, a very fine lecture in Trinity Church on "Japan and the Japanese."

We have also had of late Mrs. May Leonard Wells in the interest of the W. H. M. S. work, and Misses Sheldon and Cushman of the W. F. M. S. All made excellent impressions, and did good work.

**W. F. M. S.**—A district meeting of the eastern division of Boston South District was held at Stanton Ave. Church, Dorchester, Oct. 18, Mrs. J. R. Cushing, district secretary, presiding. The devotional exercises were addressed by Mrs. C. H. Hanafor. An address of welcome was given by Mrs. S. A. Crowell, to which Mrs. D. Steele responded. The reports were all encouraging, some auxiliaries having paid more to the treasury this year than last, despite the hard times. Stanton Avenue reported a Little Light Bearers' Band of 30 members. Nearly every auxiliary represented had taken a silver offering. One reported a lending library which was giving much satisfaction. Miss Cooke, from the Epworth Settlement, gave a touching account of her work among the foreign population of the North End. Instead of the usual basket lunch, the ladies of the church provided a bountiful collation, which was highly appreciated.

The devotional exercises of the afternoon session were conducted by Mrs. L. E. Carter, president of the Stanton Ave. Auxiliary. Miss Sumner, the Conference treasurer, was introduced. Mrs. Sharp gave an interesting and graphic report of the annual meeting of the Branch at Worcester. The principal speaker of the afternoon was Miss Hale, of China, who gave an account of her work in Tsun Hui, describing the home, hospital, and school. One feature of the school work is the memorizing of the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John, which the girls are able to repeat from beginning to end. The song, "The New Kingdom," was sung by Mrs. Sharp. Mrs. S. J. Steele gave a report of the Wesleyan Home at Newton, which has been recently opened as a home for returned missionaries and their children, and invited any who desired to visit and inspect it. A children's service was held at 4 o'clock, with an address by Miss Hale, which closed the very enjoyable exercises of the day.

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